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Wood (Lucille) Collection

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Lucille Wood- 1956 first year
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Mississippi Ageless Heroes
Awards Luncheon



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2006 Statewide Honoree - *Love of Learning*

Lucille Wood

75, of Louisville



Lucille Wood enthusiastically continues teaching at the age of 75. The East Central Community College faculty member takes her life's motto from Robert Browning, "Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be..."

Wood began her 52nd year of teaching in 2005 and is the longest tenured community college instructor in

Mississippi. She is the chairman of the Business, Social

Science and Education Division, and teaches a full load of classes. She served as the school's women's basketball coach for 29 years, beginning in 1957. At that time women's basketball wasn't recognized as a sport by the Mississippi Junior College Athletic Association, so Wood coached a "club team" until 1975 when the Title IX ruling opened the doors for women's athletics. In 2004, Wood was inducted into the National Junior College Women's Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Wood said, "The age you are is the best age to be. I keep my brain active and alert and I try to do things for others. By doing this, there is no time to think about oneself or the fact that one is growing older. Live in the present and not the past."

Letter ~~to~~ person or 1 word

O. VICKERS
to son

We feel there is a special
need to preserve the history of
East Central Junior College/ community
College. There is an Area in
Ethel Burton Library for this to be
done. Over the years memorabilia
has been collected by the library
more to collect
but we want this to be displayed
or stored in cabinets/filing cabinets
so the public has access to the
materials. There are oil paintings
of some of the founders of the college
that will be displayed.

One of the Study Rooms that
connects with the main Room will
be used to display the Alumnus
of the year plaques. The Area
is large enough to take care
of plaques for future years. In
this Room we want a table -
Floor Arrangement and later we
will work on Biography material
on each to place in a book to

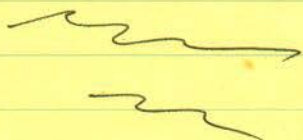
housed in the Room.

The Cost of the ^{all} project will take thousands of dollars.


Refin the walls, Floor Carpet -
drapes - 12 chairs with 5 rollers -
(Continue table we have) Roll Top
Sec. Desk - Display cases - drawers -
slanted ~~top~~ shelves -

We want this to be the
nicest place on our campus -
something you will be proud of
to come visit. ~~remember~~ we are
working hard that no detail is
left out.

If you would like to make
a ^{Deductible} Tax free Contribution to this
project - ECCC Foundation Inc.
EC Memorabilia Room project.



NJCAA Women's National Championship

 Salina **JUCO**
BASKETBALL
BLAST

March 16-20, 2004
Bicentennial Center
Salina, Kansas

"The best week of women's basketball in Kansas"

2003 NJCAA Players in the WNBA

Alisa Burras, Seattle Storm
Westark CC, AR (1994-1996)

Latasha Byears, Los Angeles Sparks
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M (1992-1994)

Simone Edwards, Seattle Storm
Seminole State College, OK (1992-1993)

Shalonda Enis, Charlotte Sting
Trinity Valley CC, TX (1993-1995)

Yolanda Griffith*, Sacramento Monarchs
Palm Beach CC, FL (1990-1992)

Sheila Lambert, Charlotte Sting
Grayson County CC, TX (1998-2000)

Amanda Lassiter, Seattle Storm
Central Arizona College (1997-1999)

Betty Lennox, Cleveland Rockers
Trinity Valley CC, TX (1995-1997)

Tausha Mills, Washington Mystics
Trinity Valley CC, TX (1994-1996)

Bridget Pettis, Indiana Fever
Central Arizona College, AZ (1989-1991)

Elaine Powell, Detroit Shock
Pearl River CC, MS (1994-1995)

Rosalind Ross, Los Angeles Sparks
Northeastern OK A&M, OK (1998-2000)

Aiysha Smith, Washington Mystics
Tyler JC, TX (2000-2001)

Jaynetta Saunders, Phoenix Mercury
Southwestern Illinois College (1997-1999)

Sheryl Swoopes*#, Houston Comets
South Plains College, TX (1989-1991)

Rita Williams, Houston Comets
Mitchell College (1994-1995)

**2000 USA Basketball Women's Gold Medal Olympic
Team member*

*#2002 USA Women's World Championship Gold Medal
Team member*

NJCAA Coaches in the WNBA

Brian Agler, Minnesota Lynx
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, OK (1983-1988)

Linda Hargrove, Portland Fire
Cowley County CC, KS (1972-1989)

NJCAA Women's Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame

1998 Betty Jo Graber - Weatherford College, Weatherford, TX
Lillie Frances Garmon - Temple JC, Temple, TX
Dixie Woodall - Seminole JC, Seminole, OK
Lea Plarski - St. Louis CC/Florissant Valley, St. Louis, MO

1999 Evelyn Blalock - Kilgore College, Kilgore, TX
Rose Marie Battaglia - Bergen CC, Paramus, NJ
Fred Perry - Union County College, Cranford, NJ

2000 Linda Hargrove - Cowley County CC, KS
Paul Sandford - Louisburg College, NC

2001 Barbara Gill - Johnson County CC, Overland Park, KS
Barbara A. "Sue" Ross - MS Gulf Coast CC, Perkinston, MS
Sheryl Swoopes - South Plains College, Levelland, TX

2002 Gary Barton - John A. Logan College, Carterville, IL
Orville Gregory - Johnson County CC, Overland Park, KS
Rosie Walker - Panola College, Carthage, TX

2003 Kurt Budke - Trinity Valley CC, Athens, TX
Jim Davis - Roane State CC, Harriman, TN
Mary Ann Otwell - Panola College, Carthage, TX

Women's Basketball Hall of Fame Knoxville, Tennessee

1999 Betty Jo Graber, Weatherford College

2000 Lillie Frances Garman, Temple College
Lorene Ramsey, Illinois Central College
George E. Killian, NJCAA

2001 Rosie Walker, Panola College

2002 Lea Plarski, St. Louis CC/Flo Valley

NJCAA National Championship Team Banquet Featured Speakers Salina Bicentennial Center

1998 Sheryl Swoopes, Houston Comets

1999 Nikki McCray, Washington Mystics

2000 Nykesha Sales, Orlando Miracle

2001 Betty Lennox, Minnesota Lynx

2002 Ruthie Bolton, Sacramento Monarchs

2003 Jackie Stiles, WNBA

NJCAA National Championship Attendance Records Salina Bicentennial Center

1998	9,376	2001	17,604
1999	7,933	2002	14,117
2000	12,977	2003	13,348

East Central Comm. College

Decatur, Mississippi

LADY
WARRIORS

Region
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No.	Name	Ht.	Class	Hometown
4	Kimyatta Viverette	6' 0"	So.	Lake, MS
11	Kristin Chaney	5' 6"	Fr.	Little Rock, MS
12	Roxana Rogers	5' 7"	Fr.	Lake, MS
15	Ebone'e Leverette	6' 0"	So.	Forest, MS
20	Kim Cox	5' 7"	Fr.	Lake, MS
21	Lenore Gray	6' 1"	So.	Newton, MS
22	Monique Overstreet	5'11"	So.	Walnut Grove, MS

No.	Name	Ht.	Class	Hometown
23	Britney Burks	5' 9"	So.	Forest, MS
24	Kotreece Bender	5'10"	Fr.	Lawrence, MS
25	Rita Birden	5'10"	So.	Monroe, LA
30	India Backstrom	5'11"	Fr.	Philadelphia, MS
33	Hope Murray	5' 9"	So.	Soso, MS
34	Miranda Rosar	5'11"	So.	Union, MS

Enrollment:

2,700

Season Record:

29-2

TEAM HOST



ARCHIE RIGGS



Head Coach:

Brad Hodge

Assistant Coach:

LaCole Brooks

Athletic Director:

Terry Underwood

Colors:

Black and Gold



*Team Banquet,
Hall of Fame
Induction
&
Featured
WNBA
Speaker*

***2004 NJCAA
Division I Women's Basketball
National Championship***

***March 15, 2004
6:00 PM
Heritage Hall - Bicentennial Center
Salina, Kansas***

Admit One - \$20.00



National Junior College

Women's Basketball Coaches Assn. Hall of Fame

Salina, Kansas

March 15, 2004

Lucille Wood
East Central Community College

Being a former coach it doesn't get any better than this.

Thank you women's basketball coaches association for remembering me - and letting me be a part of these festivities tonight.

It was a special thrill to meet present members at the reception this afternoon.

I would like to recognize long time friend and fellow coach Sue Ross, MS Gulf Coast Community College -- we fought the good fight for women in athletics in Mississippi in the 1960's and 70's. And we also had some spirited games during our time as coaches Sue didn't win all of them.

There is Katie Herrington our NJCAA representative to this tournament. She is a Mississippi girl from Jones County Junior

College and she and I worked together as Region and asst. region director for Region 23 for a number of years.

Also present are former and present faculty members from East Central who escorted me out here to Kansas. Thank you for giving up your vacation time to be here tonight.

A member of my 1963 basketball team Brenda Kirby and members of her family. Brenda teaches in our RN Nursing program. A special person Evelyn Bender, the first player I ever gave a scholarship to. She is the first Afro-American to play basketball in the Mississippi Junior Colleges. She later played for Jackson State .

A special group the Region 23 Champions my school East Central Community College.

I always wanted to play basketball. That was the only sport we knew at a rural school for grades 1 - 8 with 3 teachers in Miss. - we played on a dirt court -- 2 courts one for boys and 1 for girls. Of course the boy's court was the game court ours had a wet weather spring on one end.

At Louisville High School we didn't have basketball for girls –football was the game. Girls were cheerleaders or majorettes. The rural 8th grade schools were bused in and we didn't know about cheerleaders and majorettes. We begged teachers to coach us. Finally when I was in the 11th and 12th grades an asst. football coach agreed to coach - but his interest was football.

At East Central we had the head football coach who was a former All - SEC tackle - same story.

My sophomore year we had a new physical Ed teacher as coach who was from New Jersey - all she knew was soccer - we didn't want to play soccer - never heard of it - She read a rule book during the games so she could challenge the referees. I never had a real coach.

Senior colleges did not have varsity teams but I was a player coach for my Intramurals teams - in ALL sports.

In 1954 basketball for girls was discontinued in the MS Junior Colleges. In 1958 when I returned to East Central, my Alma Mater, to

teach there was a freshman student there by the name of Sue Gunter. Our high schools had excellent teams and many excellent players-one was Sue Gunter who was an inspiration to me, and I hope I was for her. When Sue Gunter asked to have a club team - who could refuse. We had killed the dream of girls and women too long. Sue became an Olympic coach she now coaches at LSU and is in the Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. At that time I decided I would be the coach I never had. That Coach who went into the classroom and taught. That coach who was interested in the total school. That coach who would fight for equal opportunity for girls and women. The girls played for free and I coached for free for years.

We played who ever would schedule us - what fun and to win.

A few years later there was at EC a skinny student there who liked to talk by the name of Van Chancellor. Who coaches the Houston Comets and our Olympic team this summer.

Two Olympic coaches who grew up no more than 50 miles apart - and both attends East Central - Van and I both attended Louisville High School.

I could talk for hours about the challenges - the thrills - the problems of the 1960's and 1970 and Title 9. Sue Ross, myself and a few others never gave up the fight.

That was then - and now girls play before thousands of fans - TV coverage in a vast number of sports. Women had held down jobs in all areas related to athletics.

This past homecoming 52 girls, who begged just for the opportunity to play at East Central, came back and we gave each a varsity letter.

I accept this honor in their name and honor them.

Ladies who are here tonight to play for a national- championship the girls before you who played only for the LOVE OF THE GAME - are the

WIND BENEATH YOUR WINGS.

What a thrill to see all of you here – I hope you will become teachers and these experiences here this week will be with you for years to come.

I thank you for this honor - you have brought back lots of memories.

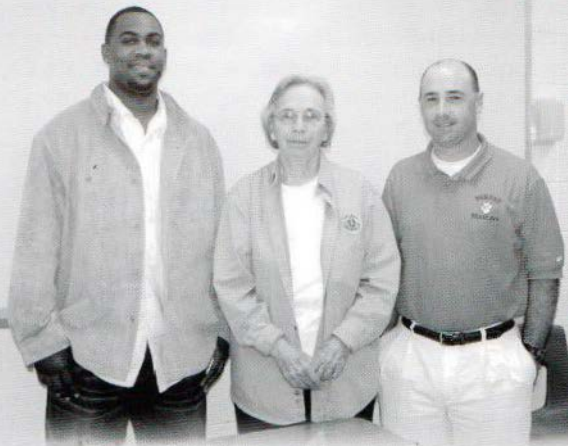
My heart has been blessed.

Wood Inducted Into NJCAA Hall of Fame



Longtime East Central Community College instructor and coach Lucille Wood (pictured at left and below center) was recently inducted into the NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) Women's Basketball Coaches' Hall of Fame. Pictured below are all of the 2004 inductees. They include (from left) Lorene Ramsey of Illinois Central College, Wood and Paul L. Bishop of Hudson Valley Community College. See story pages 16-17. (Photos courtesy Marty Stamper of *The Meridian Star*.)





East Central Community College alumni and Louisville natives **Marcus Thames** (left) and **Brad Peterson** (right) recently spoke to members of Lucille Wood's physical education class on "What It Takes to Be Successful." They are pictured with Wood who serves as health, physical education and recreation instructor and Chairman of the Division of Social Science, Business and Education. Thames, who attended ECCC from 1996 to 1997, is a professional baseball player with the Detroit Tigers. He was originally drafted by the New York Yankees and has also played with the Texas Rangers organization. Peterson, a 1995 graduate, completed his first season as head football coach at Forest High School where he led the Bearcats to a 10-3-1 record and a berth in the South State Championship game.



Wood Honored by Former Athletes

Lucille Wood (center), East Central Community College instructor and former women's basketball coach, was honored during Homecoming festivities on October 4 by members of her women's club teams. Wood organized a reunion of the women who played on basketball, volleyball and tennis club teams at East Central Junior College from 1956 to 1975 and presented them with varsity letters. In turn, they presented her with a bouquet of roses and a commemorative pillow signed by the players. Club team members who presented the gifts were Lois Blount Cooper (left) of Decatur and Peggy Nickell McQueen of Little Rock, Arkansas.



Contributes to ECCC Golf Program

East Central Community College's golf program received a financial boost thanks to contributions made by longtime College supporter Jim Wood (right) of Louisville. Wood (Class of 1949) donated 25 dozen golf balls and made a monetary contribution to the Warrior golf team. He is pictured with his sister, Lucille Wood (Class of 1951), ECCC physical education instructor and former Lady Warrior head basketball coach, and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.



EC's 75th Anniversary Celebrated August 28

Wood Delivers Keynote Address

East Central Community College celebrated its 75th anniversary Thursday, August 28, during a convocation in Huff Auditorium.

Those participating in the special program included Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction; the Reverend Chris Vowell, who delivered the invocation; Gen. Denver Brackeen, member of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges; Prentice Copeland, Chairman of the ECCC Board of Trustees; former presidents Arno Vincent and Dr. Eddie M. Smith; and current president Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. Lucille Wood, a graduate of East Central and current chairperson of the Division of Social Science, Business and Education and physical education instructor delivered the keynote address.

Following is a transcript of that address.

"Thank you Dr. Sparkman for that introduction. This is one of the highlights of my career to speak at the 75th anniversary of my alma mater. It is also an honor to share this stage with Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dr. Eddie Smith, Mr. Arno Vincent, the Rev. Chris Vowell and Mr. Prentiss Copeland. I look with pride at my fellow faculty members, staff, board members, alumni, students and friends of this institution. And, also that special group who greets me each morning at 7 a.m. with an energetic "good morning Miss Wood."

"This College grew from the old Newton County Agricultural High School in 1928. The first class consisted of 18 students. The Legislature established the Junior College system in the state to give formal education opportunities for the masses in our state. Mississippi was the first state to establish a system of public junior colleges. East Central



Lucille Wood delivers the keynote address during the College's 75th anniversary Convocation held in Huff Auditorium.

grew from two teachers, Mrs. Stella Newsome, who taught English and history, and Robert Marshall, who taught math and science, to what we are today.

"In the beginning there was Newton County. Neshoba was added in 1929, Scott in 1930, Leake in 1931 and Winston in 1934. Seven presidents have served the leadership roles for this College. I have been associated with six of these men. Dr. Todd came in 1934 and was the president when I was a student in the early 50's, and I have worked for Mr. Vincent, Dr. Montgomery, Dr. Wright, Dr. Smith and Dr. Sutphin.

"What would these five counties be without East Central? In its long history through the depression years, many sacrifices were made by

students and parents. In 1934, it cost \$13.61 per month, which included room, board and tuition. To attend East Central for nine months in 1939 - 40 it cost \$15.22 per month, and \$27.66 per month in 1949-50 when I became a student at the college.

"There were many students who could not meet that expense. Dr. Todd, the second president, made sure all who wanted an education could attend. Most of the work on campus was done by students, whether it was milking the cows at 4 a.m. or firing the boiler at an early hour. There were parents who canned foods or brought potatoes and syrup in exchange for tuition.

"Most of the college landmarks are gone. Only Founders Gym and Jackson

Hall remain, and they have been altered. In the early years, from Jackson Hall to old Neshoba, all buildings were connected with a covered walk way -no need for raincoats.

"The Tucker Vocational-Technical Building is now situated where the football field was located in years past. The baseball field was where Scott Hall is today. On the football field today was located a big barn. The Cosmetology building was a chicken house and the physical education building is where the dairy barn was located.

"What I want to speak about are the people and this college. As I have mentioned, I knew all the presidents except Mr. Pugh,

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the presidents except Mr. Pugh, the first president.

"I think most would agree that Dr. L.O. Todd was the 'light on the hill'. He knew every student by name and he knew their parents. He worked with the farmers and day laborers to send their children to East Central. It is said that he visited the local towns in our area on Saturday afternoons. When these people came to town, Dr. Todd made his way shaking hands and letting people know that East Central was here for their sons and daughters. These people wanted a better life for their children and East Central met that challenge. Dr. Todd was a learned man and was called on to speak on educational matters throughout this country.

"Mr. Vincent was the president who hired me. He was here when I was a student. I heard there was a need for a physical education teacher. I wrote him a letter and he wrote me back telling me when school would begin. There was no interview process-just bring your clothes and some personal items and your apartment will be furnished. He didn't tell me it would be furnished with a man! He forgot to tell the BSU director that I was coming. That was 'no problem.' Mr. Vincent just moved him over to the guest room in the President's Home.

"Mr. Vincent didn't tell me I would be living on the second floor in a boy's dormitory. Scott Hall was located where the volleyball court is today. Miss Harris and I had apartments on the second floor and Frank and Nellie Cross and Mrs. Newsome on first floor. Boys lived across the hall from me and we shared the steps. At times, they ran fast going and coming from the showers.

"I want to talk about some teachers who laid the foundation for this college. Mrs. Sullivan was here when I was a student and retired the year before I returned as an instructor. Mrs. Sullivan was one of the giants in forming

this College. Mrs. Sullivan had a ring of keys as big as my fist - the only teacher I ever knew who had her own classroom with a lock and one of those keys fit that lock. At every assembly she had a live (flower) arrangement on the stage - and we had assembly once a week. She was the champion to the students who came from small rural high schools.

"What I learned from Mrs. Sullivan has influenced me all my life. From Mrs. Sullivan we learned respect, manners, and the appreciation of beauty.

"Mrs. Newsome was a romantic with a sense of humor and wit. She taught literature and was interested in the arts. One day we were having a faculty meeting and someone was giving a long boring talk. Mrs. Newsome wrote on a piece of paper and handed it back for all to read. It said, 'We wiggled in and we wiggled out - and after we had wiggled in and wiggled out we were still in doubt as to whether we had wiggled in or wiggled out.'

"Mrs. Newsome could teach literature. She didn't have notes and she kept us spellbound. But she did like to tell stories or tales.

"Today our students evaluate the faculty and some of mine say 'she tells too many stories, she gets off the subject.' But I remember Mrs. Newsome telling stories and if she could do it, I can too. Let me share a story Mrs. Newsome told about 53 years ago.

"The teacher wrote the mother a note that Ida needed to practice some better hygiene. Just a little freshen up each morning. The Mother wrote back: 'Dear teacher, Learn her, don't smell her, she isn't no rose.'

"Another mother had written Mrs. Newsome a note telling her that she didn't want her daughter to know about her 'innards.'

"Frank Cross made his mark on the college. Those who passed his chemistry classes went on to excel in their courses of study.

"Frank Leatherwood taught biology. Mr. Leatherwood collected specimens of plant, animal and rock formations in this area. The biology lab was filled with these specimens. His favorite quote was 'you can't hit a star aiming at a stump.'

"Miss Ethel Burton was the librarian. Miss Burton went about her business of building a library with everything neatly arranged, quiet and conducive to learning. Miss Burton learned to drive in her early 60s and one year came back in a little Ford car. Miss Burton lived to celebrate her 100th birthday. A group from East Central attended her 100th birthday celebration. And at the age of 103 she passed away. Ann and Roger Burkes and I attended her funeral.

"Miss Una Harris was an English literature instructor and founder and sponsor of The Tom-Tom. The Tom-Tom was published every two weeks. Articles were professionally written and on time. For years one of the greatest honors on campus was to be editor of The Tom-Tom.

"Dr. Joe Todd, M.D., spoke at homecoming a few years back and stated that the two best teachers in his whole educational career were here at East Central - Una Harris and Arno Vincent.

"General Pat Wilson was a former coach and dean of men. Captain Pat Wilson, as he was known at that time, led our National Guard unit into the Second World War. From what I have heard he was one of the most loved and respected people ever associated with this College.

"Back to Mr. Vincent for just a moment. Mr. Vincent's philosophy of education was the teacher is more important than the equipment. He once said, "A good teacher can teach more sitting on the end of a log than a poor teacher with all the equipment in the world."

"That has changed a little today, Mr. Vincent. With all the technology, the teacher is still the most important instrument

in the classroom. Mr. Vincent believed if all students made A's, not much learning was taking place. And he placed the name of the classes where there were too many A's on the board during faculty meetings.

"Other long-time faculty and administrators who had an impact on this college were: Lynn Dale Ferguson, registrar, and R.C. Roberts, academic dean. They came just after the Second World War ended and helped set the college in motion for the post war era. Enrollment increased and, of course, courses of study changed as well.

"R.G. Fick, Ovid Vickers, Jessie Everett, Charles Pennington, Mrs. J.L. Jackson, Erma Lee Barber, Marian Thornton, Denver Brackeen, first Dean of Students in the junior colleges; Dr. Brad Tucker, longest tenured Academic Dean who served under four presidents; Dr. Shelby Harris, Frank Rives, Tom Thrash, Ann Burkes, Rudolph Mayes, Joe Clark, O. L. Newell, John Adcock, Dr. Richard Ethridge and Raymond and Lois McMullan and others - all these people retired from here - some spent their entire teaching career at East Central; and I must add they did not work by the clock.

"For several of these, their only teaching experience was at East Central. All came young and stayed and contributed until their retirement.

"Our college went through some non-productive years. Our enrollment was down. There were empty rooms in the dormitories. There was talk of combining East Central with some other colleges. The president of the board of trustees, Henry B. Hudspeth, was instrumental in bringing Dr. Eddie Smith, an alumnus from Noxapater, to be our sixth president. And all areas of the college were improved. There was a new spirit. And we all learned to *work*. He was

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a hands-on president and that is what we needed to become what we are today. Today, the tradition continues under Dr. Phil Sutphin.

"After a while, traditions die. But for years we had the following events taking place:

"May Day was the biggest event on campus and was held where the science building is now located. May Day activities ended in 1973.

"Sophomores clipped the freshman boys' heads when they entered the campus. A big drum was in front of Winston Hall and the clippers were ready. For most boys this was their first real association with East Central.

"Then, on a cold frosty morning the freshman were greeted with "Freshman Day." The girls had big sisters who dressed them for the day. Some were tacky but most were cute with big ribbons in their hair, with freckles painted on their face and some teeth blackened. Most had an onion around their neck. They had to sit on the floor and eat without forks, knives or spoons. For most freshmen and sophomores, it was a fun day and the teachers postponed tests. When school was out they paraded down town and then back to the dorms for showers, a good night's meal, then a dance.

"My freshman yearbook shows Denver Brackeen and Blanch Wiggins leading the parade. Denver has his pants on backwards.

"We had a Sadie Hawkins dance and all the students would meet on the front campus where the girls chased the boys and if caught that was your date for the dance.

"The freshman boys had to beat the big drum all night before the Scooba football game. One year our boys were not good scouts and Scooba stole our drum. But in return they were not good scouts because we painted ECJC on their water tank!

"We had religious emphasis week. Usually one year it was sponsored by the BSU and

the Baptist church and the next year Wesley and the Methodist church would sponsor.

"Through the years, there have been many dress and hair styles. They have included such things as skirts and sweaters with saddle oxfords and bobbiesocks; little ballerina shoes; Elvis hair styles; Veronica Lake styles with long hair with one eye covered; bee hive hair; crew cuts; flat tops; penny loafers; bell bottoms; the hippy years with long hair, army surplus clothes and no bras; mini skirts; long side burns; can-can petticoats so big that you couldn't sit in a desk; hot pants; granny skirts.

"There was a time when girls had to wear rain coats over their shorts to attend physical education class or even to go to the tennis courts.

"Today, all of our students do not follow the same styles. Most are well groomed with the boys' hair styled and cut. For boys and girls, blue jeans are the style for class. Many of the others I can't describe in the English language what they have on for class dress.

"Today we point with pride to the accomplishments of our former students. The list includes generals in the Army, two who played on the 1939 state championship football team and one on the 1953 State championship Basketball team; captains and admirals in the Navy and other high ranking officers in the military; doctors of medicine, with specialists in a number of areas; doctors in pharmacy, chemistry, dentistry, and education; those in agriculture, lawyers, presidents and deans of colleges, division chairs of colleges, engineers, bank presidents, authors of books, teachers, mayors, elected state officials, one U.S. Representative - the late Arthur Winstead from Philadelphia; two Olympic coaches, MS sports hall of fame members, All-Americans, MS Association of Coaches Hall of Fame members, National Sports Hall of Fame members whose names are in the National

Junior College Athletic Association Record Book, those who have participated in a National Junior College Association All-Star Games, senior college and professional coaches, senior college Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, and professional athletes, and the list goes on. East Central has left her mark with the elite in our state and nation.

"But what about the masses of our students? I was in Louisville one Saturday morning and a young man came in the place of business where I was. He had on muddy boots and he made the typical statement, 'Hey Miss Wood do you remember me?' I did remember him. A formal education was not his choice at the time. He said, 'Excuse my dress because I volunteer to help my community water department on Saturdays and we have a busted pipe. I have come for replacement parts.' He is employed by Taylor Machine Works.

"Talk about making a contribution. -There are thousands of men and women like him. Good citizens who live in well-kept homes, go to work each day, vote, work for better schools, are civic minded, send their children to East Central and take pride in the fact that they attended East Central.

"When I read about a former student, even in death, and it was mentioned he/she attended East Central, this always catches my eye and my impression of them.

"Our college today is training those to go into the vocational-technical fields and this is the charge that has been given to the community colleges. There is a coming together of all areas of the college. One job is no more important than the other. We work for the purpose of the college, "With You in Mind." I see this happening more and more each year.

• "Dear Alma Mater
I Sing Your Praise.

"You have fed me, clothed me and housed me most of

my adult life, provided me with work opportunities that I have enjoyed, and friends and associates over a half century.

"You provided educational opportunities for every member of my family, five of us, and many other families. To name a few, the five Herington brothers from Louisville and they all played football; the five Baucum brothers from Newton and they all were associated with athletics; the five Graham boys from Decatur whose first names all started with a 'J'; the five Shoemaker boys from Decatur whose first names all started with a 'D.' To my knowledge, the Hardy family from Neshoba County holds the record for the most from a single family to attend with eight.

"Alma Mater, you opened the door to good music for me.

"Mrs. Madden directed the choir. I had never heard choral music like that. I attended a small rural church and a choir was put together for revivals but nothing like East Central's Choir.

"At an assembly Margoria Woodruff and Betty Ruth Taylor from Louisville were the program and they had just graduated from the Julliard School of Music. Margoria sang songs in a foreign language and her voice penetrated every part of that old auditorium. For months, you would hear students singing parts of her songs.

"Dear Alma Mater, may this college continue the fine tradition of the spring musicals and other endeavors enlarged and expanded.

"We feed our souls with music. We are the music we listen to. At one time the old Greeks turned all their attention to body building and they didn't like the results. They said, 'We do not want a nation of body builders. How do we temper their souls?' The answer was choral music. And we see this today with a group

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...in music in elementary and secondary schools. May East ... continue to sing and ... students to good ... a large part be ...

When Newcom Hall is ... I knew nothing ... I had never seen ... but I ordered ... Sears Roebuck ... Mr. Leatherwood ... some tennis skills and ... some matches.

I knew how many ... I have taught how to ... Most of my tennis ... were made up of those ... never played.

My Alma Mater also let ... basketball on a team. ... There were no scholarships. I ... because I wanted to.

The athletic teams through ... have known both the ... of victory and the agony ... Our students have ... All-State, All-Region, ... American, and Academic ... American. Our teams ... state champions in ... men's and women's ... and baseball; ... Region 7 in basketball, ... All-Region 23 in girls' ... and golf. We have

had individual state champions in track, golf and tennis, and have played in 4 bowl games in football.

"When I was a student here, Keith Slothower was the drama director and they performed the 'Barretts of Whimpole Street,' 'Antigone,' 'Harvey,' and 'A Midsummer Nights Dream.' This was my first experience and exposure to some of the finer things in life. Through the years our students have had these opportunities through very capable drama teachers. May this continue.

"When I was a student, many of my fellow classmates were called to serve in the Korean Conflict. Four of the starters on our men's basketball team were called up in the middle of the season.

"General Pat Wilson led our National Guard unit into the Second World War and they served in the European Theater of operations. Several of our Alumni Memorial Awards are in memory of those killed in the Second World War.

"The Vietnam Conflict brought heartache to our campus because of the two young EC men killed in that war.

"Our students and former

students participated in Operation Desert Storm and the present war.

"This college will continue to grow. Physically there are immediate needs in several areas. Mr. Vincent, that log needs to be longer in the science department. The Wall O' Sound has outgrown itself. There are other pressing needs. Our library must be enlarged and should be the main focal point for all students regardless of where the classes are taught. The beautification projects should continue. In years to come, on the 100th anniversary this campus will be filled with trees.

"To our administration we are known as a college with high academic standards. May this continue in the future. May we employ excellent teachers who teach.

"Jessie Stuart said, 'Teachers teach, students study- if students are not studying no teaching is taking place.' Teachers need to take pride in their profession, see the student as a total person and see that learning is not necessarily fun but should be a pleasant experience. They should know that it is sometimes tough and challenging. They should

challenge the student.

"To the administration, make sure these dedicated teachers receive the praise and support necessary to accomplish the most important task on campus, which is classroom teaching.

"In years to come, I sense a special pride in every aspect of the College. With every class, extra curricular activity and no part of the College left behind, making sure every student can participate with every student in an activity and an activity for every student.

"I want that pride I feel when seated in Warrior Stadium and in the distance to the south I hear the sound of drums and the sound comes closer and closer and through the gates come 'The Wall of Sound,' our band, as they pass in front of the crowd walking tall and well disciplined. One can see by the expressions on their faces they are proud to be part of that organization. I want that for all classes and groups on the campus.

"HAPPY 75TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR AND MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS THIS COLLEGE."



EC Students Participate in Workshop at Trinity Mission

East Central Community College SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) and Spanish students recently assisted with a job application workshop at Trinity Mission Church in Forest. The workshop was a partnership between Wanda Hurley's SIFE class and students in Dr. Linda Lane's Spanish classes and was funded through a Service Learning Grant at the College. Students assisted Hispanics in English As a Second Language classes as they prepared job applications. Two sessions were held and included approximately 40 participants. (Photo courtesy of Wanda Hurley)



A Storehouse for EC's Memorabilia

A conference room in the East Central Community College Library recently became available for other uses.

Gloria Johnson and Gail Wood, the East Central librarians, decided the room would make an ideal place to store and exhibit items related to the College's 75-year history.

Knowing that Lucille Wood had spent 50 years on the campus, including her student days and the 48 years she has spent as a member of the faculty, the librarians solicited Wood's help in establishing a memorabilia room in the library.

These three ladies met with Dr. Phil Sutphin to seek the President's approval for their project. Sutphin was enthusiastic about the project and assured them of his full cooperation while at the same time explaining that the Memorabilia Room would have to be a project of the Alumni Association due to the fact that all Mississippi schools are operating at present on very tight budgets.

Now that the project has been approved, students, faculty and alumni as well as friends of the college, are asking just exactly what will the room house and how will it be furnished.

According to present plans, the room will be furnished with comfortable chairs and tables for reading and glass display cabinets to display such objects as the first gavel used to call the Board of Trustees to order, plates once used in the cafeteria with ECJC imprinted on the rim, and a myriad of other objects including pictures that date from the founding of the college.

Bookcases are planned for two walls. These glass-fronted cases will be used to store a complete collection of the WO-HE-LO, the college yearbook. Bound copies of the TOM-TOM, the college newspaper, will also be shelved here along

with college catalogues from 1934 to present, and copies of the college alumni magazine, THE WARRIOR. This collection will also include copies of the "in house" publication, "Insights," which is distributed each week to all faculty and staff members and the Board of Trustees.

Also to be placed in the room are copies of the College's Self Evaluation and Visiting Committee Reports. Every ten years, the college carries out a self-study and is visited by an evaluating committee from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the accrediting agency for the college. Approval by SACS means that the College meets all criteria required by the accrediting agency and that course credit will transfer to any four-year college or university.

Among the more interesting objects in East Central's collection of memorabilia is a hat worn by Mrs. Stella Newsome, one of the college's first two teachers, while she was a student at Mississippi State College for Women. After the retirement, Mrs. Newsome received an honorary Doctor of Letter from Erskin College in South Carolina for her contributions to the teaching of the humanities. The doctoral hood presented to her at this ceremony was given to the College by her granddaughter, Marion Frances of Jackson.

The First College yearbook was mended by hand

and includes pictures of the freshman and sophomore classes of 1929-30. This yearbook was hand-written and all the pictures were made with a hand-held Kodak. This is a very valuable book because it reflects the activities participated in by the students and the fashions that were in vogue for college students at the time.

For many years, East Central staged a May Day program, complete with various kinds of entertainment, a may pole and a May Queen complete with her court. Pictures of the May Queen were taken and hung in the student center. When the Student Center was partially destroyed by fire in the 1960s, these smoke-stained photographs were salvaged. The pictures are today filed in boxes as part of the College's history in photographs.

Books, film, and video tapes will also form a part of the historical collections to be housed in the archives. During the administration of Dr. Eddie M. Smith, the practice was begun of taping interviews.

They include discussions with Mrs. Frances Smith, a member of the first graduating class, and an interview with Miss Ethel Burton, the college's first librarian who lived to be 103 years old.

Faculty-authored books such as a freshman composition test written by Mr. Leon Eubanks and a speech text written by H. Keith Slothauer form part of a collection of old textbooks owned by the college library.

If any former student, faculty member, or friend of the college wishes to contribute to the establishment and furnishing of this memorabilia room, tax-deductible contributions can be made to the East Central Community College Foundation. Photographs, books, letters, and objects related to the history of the College are also being sought by the College librarians.

This room promises to be an important showcase for the history of a College that has served east central Mississippi and its five supporting counties for more than 75 years.



From left, Lucille Wood, Chairperson of the Division of Social Science, Business and Education, along with librarians Gail Wood and Gloria Johnson look over items for the College's new Memorabilia Room located in Burton Library.



Wood Inducted Into NJCAA Coaches' Hall of Fame

Former East Central Community College women's basketball coach Lucille Wood was honored for her more than 50 years of service to community and junior college athletics with her induction into the 2004 National Junior College Athletic Association Women's Basketball Coaches' Hall of Fame. Induction ceremonies for Wood and two other honorees were held March 15 during the NJCAA Women's Basketball Tournament in Salina, Kansas.

Wood, a Winston County native who continues to serve the College as instructor of health, physical education and recreation and is Chairperson of the Social Science, Business and Education Division, is recognized as a pioneer for women's sports on the state and national levels. She led the Lady Warriors to four state titles (includes two club team championships) and numerous division crowns during her 28-year coaching career. She also served as tennis and volleyball coach.

"I suppose this (Hall of Fame induction) would be the ultimate honor for a person in junior college coaching," Wood said of her award. "Since I've been out of coaching for several years, to even be remembered is important."

Several individuals nominated Wood for the prestigious honor, including ECCC alumni Van Chancellor, head coach of the WNBA Houston Comets, and Sue Gunter, women's head basketball coach at Louisiana State University.

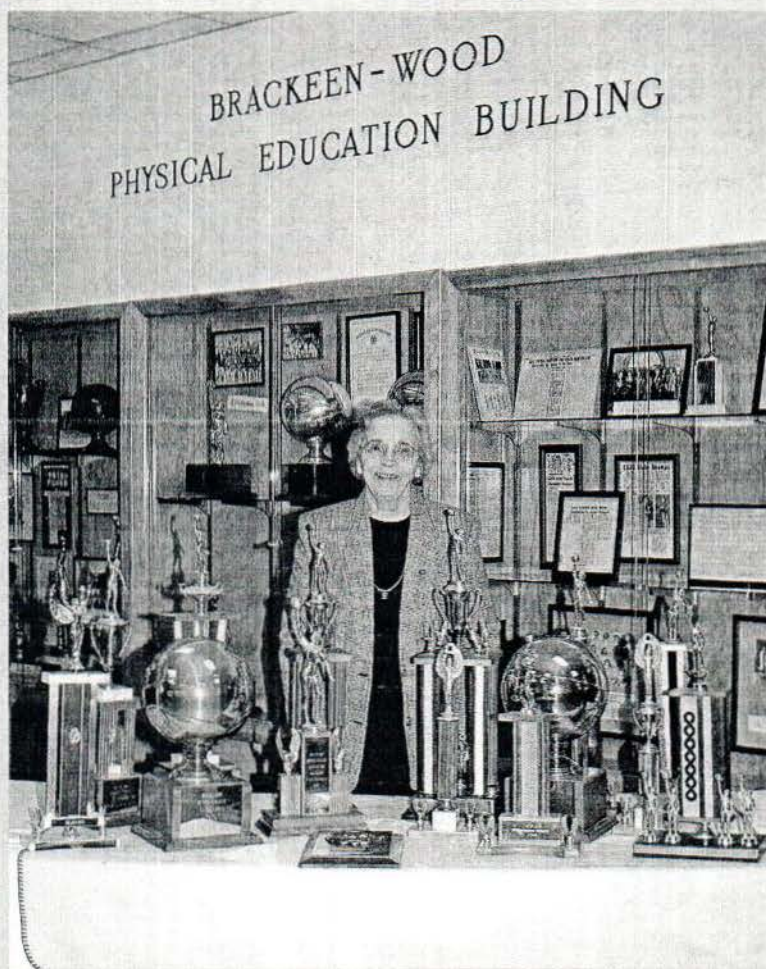
Wrote Chancellor: "As a physical education instructor at East Central Junior College, Coach Wood wore many hats to keep her club teams alive when there were no organized teams on the state level for junior college players. She was coach, fundraiser, lobbyist, driver, equipment manager, trainer and cheerleader. Coaches like her fanned the spark to give women athletes the opportunity to enjoy their own place in the athletic world from the recreational leagues to the professional leagues."

Added Gunter: "Lucille Wood is most deserving to be a member of the Hall of Fame. She has had a profound impact on hundreds of young women who, because of her guidance, went on to become outstanding coaches and teachers. My career was jump-started by my association with 'Miss Wood.' She encouraged me to follow my dream and to believe that the answer to 'impossible' was just around the corner."

Katie Herrington, who serves as Region 23 Director of Women's Sports and formerly coached women's basketball at Jones County Junior College, also nominated Wood and made the following comment: "Miss Wood has been a longtime advocate of women's sports and therefore, in my opinion, is worthy of consideration to receive this honor. Because women like Miss Wood have taken a stand in women's sports, young females today have many opportunities to compete."

In submitting her nomination, Ann Burkes, former ECCC head librarian, said: "Miss Lucille Wood is an individual who is respected by her peers, her former students and her former players. She has devoted her time and expertise to coaching women's basketball and helping to establish women's basketball as an important entity in intercollegiate athletics on the local, state, regional and national levels. I cannot imagine another individual who has given more of herself or himself to the advancement of this sport."

When the State of Mississippi discontinued women's basketball on the college level from 1954-56, Wood organized and coached "club teams" for women from 1956-74 at East Central. Wood



Lucille Wood stands behind the numerous trophies and awards her East Central Community College basketball teams received during her 28-year coaching career, which begin in 1956. Wood, recognized as a pioneer in women's sports on the state and national levels, was inducted with two other honorees into the 2004 National Junior College Women's Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame during ceremonies held during the week of March 15 at the NJCAA Tournament in Salina, Kansas.

noted that players did not receive scholarships, competed in homemade uniforms, bought their own meals and, for one tournament, even had to borrow a regulation basketball!

"These girls played basketball simply because they loved the sport," Wood stated. "No one really knows what all we had to go through to get sports for girls. A lot of hard work went into it. Present day players owe a lot to those who played without scholarships. They really paved the way."

In 1968, Wood and colleagues Sue Ross of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Rene' Warren of Hinds Junior College, and Jill Upton and Dr. Mary Kate Miller of Mississippi State College for Women (MSCW, now Mississippi University for Women) organized the Mississippi Extramural Association and the first basketball tournament for college women since 1954. East Central hosted the tournament with Wood serving

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as coach and tournament director. The Lady Warriors – or Warriorettes as they were known back then – defeated MSCW for the championship.

In 1970, teams were divided into junior and senior divisions and East Central won its first junior college state championship game. Wood later led her 1973, 1976 and 1979 teams to state titles.

This past October, Wood honored members of her former club teams by presenting varsity letters to each player at a reunion held during the College's Homecoming activities.

Wood noted that the reunion and her selection to the Hall of Fame could not have come at a better time.

"Since being notified of my selection to the Hall of Fame, I have thought about how happy I am that we had the Homecoming reunion and that so many girls returned," Wood said.

Those present at the reunion were also elated about attending and had many positive comments to make about their former coach.

"Your hard work and determination to fulfill your goal of awarding these letters was a wonderful tribute to the women who played sports at East Central," wrote Lucy Young of Vicksburg, a member of the 1970-71 team at EC. "What you did for us defines you. Determination and perseverance have always been two of your many fine qualities. Your example will always be our greatest reward."

Patsy Tadlock Hollingsworth of Morton, a member of the 1967-68 team, wrote: "Sometimes when I think about the old days and I am watching these women play ball, I am thinking they do not have any idea how far we have come."

From 1970 to 1975, Wood helped to bring about the Title IX ruling in the colleges of Mississippi. In 1975, the foundation for women's basketball in the state was laid and a limited number of scholarships were awarded. That same year, Wood was elected the first president of the Women's Basketball Coaches' Association in Mississippi.

In 1978, Wood served with Sue Ross as the first coaches of the Mississippi Junior College All-Star Team. The 1978-79 season concluded with Wood being chosen Mississippi Association of Coaches "Coach of the Year." She was also selected to the Top 20 National Junior Colleges "Coaches of the Year."

Wood was again chosen coach of the All-Star team in 1984 and was a member of the Region 23 Women's Basketball Committee during 1985.

She retired from coaching in 1986 and that same year was elected Director of Women's Athletics for Region 23, a position she held for 10 years. During her tenure as director, Wood served as Chairman of the Slow-Pitch Softball Committee for five years, was NJCAA representative to the national slow-pitch tournament for four years and served on the tennis and track and field committees. She was presented the NJCAA Service Award in 1990.

Wood was inducted into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986 and the College's gym is named for Wood and former All-American basketball player Denver Brackeen.

Joining Wood in the 2004 NJCAA Hall of Fame are Lorene Ramsey, who spent 33 years directing the Cougars of Illinois Central College to the five national championships prior to her retirement in 2003, and Paul L. Bishop, whose 28-year coaching career with the Hudson Valley Community College Vikings resulted in a combined 614 wins in women's basketball and volleyball, making him the most successful coach to date at HVCC.

**2004 NJCAA
Women's Basketball
National
Championship
Team Banquet
&
Hall of Fame
Induction**

**March 15, 2004
6:00 PM**

**Bicentennial Center
Heritage Hall
Salina, Kansas**

Program

Dinner

Opening Remarks

Jim VanEmburch, Master of Ceremonies
Tri-Chair, Salina Area Chamber of
Commerce Basketball Task Force

National Anthem

New Dawn
Under the direction of Eddie Kreer

Invocation

Brenda Smith, Tri-Chair
Salina Area Chamber of Commerce
Basketball Task Force

Welcome

Introduction of Dignitaries
Recognition of Teams

WBCA Kodak All America

Selections & Hall of Fame Inductions

Lyndon Hardin, President
Women's Basketball Coaches Association

Keynote Speaker

Adrian Williams, Phoenix Mercury
Women's National Basketball Association

Closing Remarks

*Many thanks to First Bank Kansas for
providing tonight's decorations*

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Coaches Association
Hall of Fame*



inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coach Association Hall of Fame. As a player, Ramsey has been inducted into the National Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame.

She was the co-head coach of the Illinois College All-Stars that took on the 1976 Soviet Union Olympic Team and she was an assistant coach for the USA Select Basketball Team in 1981 and 1986. Also in 1981, Ramsey was the assistant coach of the United States Silver Medal Basketball Team at the World University Games in Bucharest, Romania. She was the assistant coach of the 1983 USA silver medal team in the Pan-American Games and was on the coach staff of the 1987 and 1991 Pan-American Games teams.

Ramsey was the Tri-County Coach of the Year in 1979 and 1992 and the Tri-County Female Coach of the Year in 1993, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2003. Other awards include: finalist for Stayfree National Service to Women's Sports Award (1980), Pekin YWCA Sports Person of the Year (1982), Western Illinois University Westerwinds Achievement Award (1991) and Women's Sports Foundation Budget Car Coaches Award (1993).

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LUCILLE WOOD
East Central Community College
Decatur, Miss.

Lucille Wood has dedicated 42 years of service to basketball, including 20 years within the NJCAA. A native of Louisville, Miss., she earned her associates degree from East Central Junior College in 1951. Wood went on to receive a bachelors and a master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in health, physical education and recreation in 1953 and 1955, respectively.

After excelling in basketball and track at Louisville High School, she lettered in basketball and tennis at East Central. From 1951-1953 she coached and participated in intramural basketball, volleyball and softball at Southern Mississippi (there were no varsity sports for women in senior college). Wood was selected as the Outstanding Coach of the Year and Outstanding Individual Player (runner-up).

Her NJCAA service began as a women's basketball coach at East Central in 1975 when the school joined the national organization. In 10 seasons she compiled a 156-74-0 record. Her teams won two state championships, two divisional championships and made four regional tournament appearances. Wood has coached 15 NJCAA first-team all-state players, 14 all-region players, and one second-team all-American. She was also the NJCAA Region 23 director from 1987-1997.

Presented with the NJCAA Service Award in 1990, Wood's leadership in advancing both athletics for women in general and the sport of basketball has not gone unnoticed. She worked to bring the Title IX ruling to the Mississippi colleges and was the first president of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association in Mississippi. Wood was selected the Mississippi Association of Coaches Coach of the Year and was inducted into the East Central Athletic Hall of Fame. East Central's physical education building has bared her name (as well as Denver Brackeen) since 1988. Wood was the East Central Alumni Association's Outstanding Instructor of the Year in 1993 and was most recently presented with the Mississippi Woman's Conference "Power of One Award" and the Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher Award.

The 2003-2004 academic year will complete 51 years of service in the teaching and coaching areas all accomplished in the Mississippi Junior/Community College System.

NJCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Year	Name	College	City, State
1998	Betty Jo Graber	Weatherford College	Weatherford, Texas
	Lillie Frances Garmon	Temple Junior College	Temple, Texas
	Lea Plarski	St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley	St Louis, Mo.
	Dixie Woodall	Seminole Junior College	Seminole, Okla.
1999	Evelyn Blalock	Kilgore College	Kilgore, Texas
	Rose Marie Battaglia	Bergen Community College	Paramus, N.J.
	Fred Perry	Union County College	Cranford, N.J.
2000	Linda Hargrove	Cowley County Community College	Arkansas City, Kan.
	Paul Sanderford	Louisburg College	Louisburg, N.C.
2001	Barbara Gill	Johnson County Community College	Overland Park, Kan.
	Barbara A. "Sue" Ross	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	Perkinston, Miss.
	Sheryl Swoopes	South Plains College	Levelland, Texas
2002	Gary Barton	John A. Logan College	Carterville, Ill.
	Orville Gregory	Johnson County Community College	Overland Park, Kan.
	Rosie Walker	Panola College	Carthage, Texas
2003	Mary Ann Otwell	Panola College	Carthage, Texas
	Kurt Budke	Trinity Valley Community College	Athens, Texas
	Jim Davis	Roane State Community College	Harriman, Tenn.
2004	Paul Franklin Bishop	Hudson Valley Community College	Troy, N.Y.
	Lorene Ramsey	Illinois Central College	East Peoria, Ill.
	Lucille Wood	East Central Community College	Decatur, Miss.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Year	Name	College	City, State
1999	Betty Jo Graber	Weatherford College	Weatherford, Texas
2000	Lillie Frances Garman	Temple College	Temple, Texas
	Lorene Ramsey	Illinois Central College	Peoria, Ill.
	George E. Killian	National Junior College Athletic Association	Colorado Springs, Colo.
2001	Rosie Walker Kellum	Panola College	Carthage, Texas
2002	Lea Plarski	St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley	St Louis, Mo.



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 26, 2004

Lucille Wood
East Central CC
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Lucille:

Enclosed please find your NJCAA Women's Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame ring to help commemorate your recent induction. It is a well deserved honor. On behalf of the NJCAA, please accept my congratulations and thanks for your many years of service.

It was great seeing you in Salina. I hope we have the opportunity to see each other again soon.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Leicht
Assistant Executive Director

East Central Community College

Presents

Miss Lucille Wood
Mississippi Humanities Council
Teacher Award
2003



Lecture

"A Past to Remember, A Future to Fulfill"
Celebrating EC's 75th Anniversary

October 28, 2003

7:00 P.M.

Ovid S. Vickers

Fine Arts Center Auditorium

Biography

Lucille Wood is a native of the Calvary Community in Winston County. She is a 1949 graduate of Louisville High School and received her associate's degree from East Central Junior College in 1951.

She completed her bachelor and master's degrees in health, physical education and recreation at the University of Southern Mississippi in 1953 and 1955, respectively. She has completed 63 hours of additional study from the University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi.

The 2003-2004 college term marks Wood's 51st year of service in the Mississippi Community/Junior College system and 48th year as a member of the East Central Community College faculty.

She currently serves as chairman of the Social Science, Business and Education Division at East Central. In addition, Wood teaches Health, First Aid, Introduction to Physical Education, Recreational Leadership, and Fitness and Conditioning classes. Wood also serves as sponsor of the Student Education Association and is academic adviser for students majoring in Physical Education and Sports Medicine.

From 1975 to 1985, Wood served as women's basketball coach at the College and from 1987 to 1997 she served as Region 23 Director for Women's Athletics.

During her tenure at East Central, Wood has also coached tennis and volleyball, served as cheerleader sponsor, was director of women's intramurals and served as coordinator of the once-annual May Day festivities for 18 years.

She twice served as president of the ECCC Alumni Association and is credited with initiating alumni awards presented each year at Awards Day. The College also began presenting alumni awards during her tenure as the Association's president.

Wood has been recognized for many athletic accomplishments including helping organize

college tennis in Mississippi as it remains today. She was also very instrumental in organizing women's basketball in Mississippi and its return as an NJCAA-sanctioned sport.

In 1975, Wood was selected as the first president of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association in Mississippi. She was coach of the first Mississippi Junior College All-Star women's basketball team in 1978 and was selected the Mississippi Association of Coaches "Coach of the Year" in 1978-79. That same year she was named to the Top 20 National Junior College Coaches of the Year.

Wood led the East Central Warriorettes, as they were previously known, to two state titles and three division crowns. The college's physical education building is named in her honor, along with Gen. Denver Brackeen (ret.), another outstanding East Central alumnus.

While serving as Region 23 director, Wood held positions as chairman of the All-American Committee and chairman of the slow pitch softball committee.

She also served on the tennis and track and field committees and was an NJCAA representative to the National Slow-Pitch Tournament on four occasions. In 1990, Wood was presented an NJCAA Service Award, one of only two presented nationally each year.

Other honors Wood has received include being named the College's Alumna of the Year in 1965, selection to the Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986, receiving East Central's HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) Instructor of the Year Award in 1990; selection as an honorary member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, in 1992; selection as East Central's "Academic Instructor of the Year" in 1993; selection as a Lamplighter in 1993; receiving the Red Rose Award from Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in 2002; and receiving a Mississippi Women's Conference "Power of One" award in 2003.

Program

Master of Ceremonies

Dr. Phil Sutphin
President

Welcome

Dr. Phil Sutphin

Introduction of Honoree

Dr. Phil Sutphin

Lecture

Miss Lucille Wood

"A Past to Remember, A Future to Fulfill"

Celebrating EC's 75th Anniversary

Presentation

Dr. Lavinia Sparkman
Vice President for Instruction

Concluding Remarks

Dr. Phil Sutphin

Reception

Lobby Area
Hosted by Phi Theta Kappa

This special recognition was made possible through a grant from the Mississippi Humanities Council.

Lucille Wood

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Today, we are here to honor one of our own and place his name in a position of honor for all to see. Mr. Vincent, we honor you, we honor your name by naming our Administration Building the Walter Arno Vincent Administration Building. This is significant because this building along, with Newsome, Todd, Cross Halls and the President's home was built during your administration as president of East Central Junior College.

In 1935 a handsome, intelligent and athletic young boy graduated from Martin High School in Lauderdale County. Dr. L. O. Todd, President of East Central, through his traditional interest in Mississippi rural boys, found Arno Vincent on a farm and persuaded him to come to East Central.

While a student at East Central, Arno Vincent excelled in Academics, basketball and football. Incidentally, he played in the first football game he ever saw. Most important, he met a beautiful coed from the High Point Community in Winston County, who later became his wife. Ruth Carr Vincent has been his greatest supporter and has walked by his side every step of the way.

After East Central he attended Mississippi Southern and again excelled in academics, basketball and football. Because of his great athletic abilities and leadership skills, he was chosen captain of both the basketball and football teams. He was chosen the college's most outstanding male athlete.

Later he was chosen to the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame and based on his outstanding service to society he was chosen the college outstanding Alumnus. He repeated the same feats at the University of Southern Mississippi - the College's Sports Hall of Fame and a member of the School's Alumni Hall of Fame.

The recent best seller book - The Greatest Generation tells of Mr. Vincent's generation. He lived during the great depression and served in the Second World War. This outstanding young man served his country with distinction. He used his leadership skills and academic knowledge as a naval officer. From 1942-1945 he served with the Pacific Fleet as a navigator,

communications officer and commanding officer of ship's involved in anti submarine warfare. When Japan surrendered, this man Arno

Vincent was on board a ship docked in Tokyo Bay. Yes, it was the men and women of his generation who set in motion the progress for the 20th century.

In 1947, the Vincents returned to the college they loved and the college that gave them their start in college life. For 16 years, Mr.

Vincent served as assistant football coach, basketball coach, mathematics teacher, registrar, dean of students, and in 1953, he became the third president of East Central. He succeeded Dr. L. O. Todd the man who found him in 1935 and brought him to East Central.

Mr. Vincent is the type person who has played down his achievements, and they are many. Those of us who served under his leadership found him to be a caring man and devoted to education. I was one of the fortunate to work for him. In 1956 I was employed by him to come home to East Central and I have spent my years at the college that gave me a chance.

In 1956 I was a young teacher with many ideas and not long out of college at the University of Southern Mississippi. Mr. Vincent let me use my ideas. To put it simply, he let me teach. At East Central, under his leadership, we developed a superior physical education and Intramural department. Every student took four semesters of physical education with a wide variety of activities. Basketball for girls had

become discontinued in 1953. Our girls came from rural high schools and they wanted to play and Mr. Vincent allowed us to play anyone who would schedule us. Because of Mr. Vincent, East Central can claim Olympic, LSU, and Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year, Sue Gunter. She wore an East Central uniform in 1956. The uniform was home made with numbers cut from felt and sewn on a white cotton blouse. Our girls wore these uniforms with pride.

Teaching was fun -- teachers taught and students learned. He set high ideals and because of our love and respect for him we worked, not for money but for pride in education. He set the stage for excellence in teaching among the faculty. He once said in a faculty meeting, "A good teacher can teach more sitting on the end of a log than a poor teacher

with all the equipment in the world." The teacher was number one with him.

He, himself, was an excellent teacher. In his early years, he served as mathematics teacher along with coaching duties. His commitment to the classroom and coaching duties was an inspiration for me and others.

Many times the teaching aspect of a person is not mentioned among their many credits. However, Dr. Joe Todd, a cardiologist and son of the late Dr. and Mrs. L. O. Todd stated in a speech that he gave at the past Homecoming that Arno Vincent and Una Harris, both East Central teachers, were among the top five he had in his educational career including medical school. I was listening to the 1947-1948 football team reunion a few years ago, where they had discussed how

Mr. Vincent could coach football and all of his assets in that area. A

player by the name of Lew Burgett who has a master's degree in

Engineering from the University of Tennessee, made the comment

"Don't forget he was such of a good math teacher." Also, John

~~Blacksone a math/physics major from the University of Alabama,~~

~~replied "Mr. Vincent was one of the best I ever had."~~

Throughout the years, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent have continued their support for East Central. They regularly attend Homecomings and other alumni events, church functions, funerals and weddings - the list is too long to name. They are just always here. Each year at award's day both Mr. and Mrs. Vincent honor students by their gifts to the college. The Walter Arno Vincent award is given to the athlete with the highest grade

point average, and the Ruth Carr Vincent award goes to the outstanding nontraditional student. They may have moved away, but their hearts are still at East Central. For 63 years they have been a part of East Central. No one else can equal their record of loyalty to this college. Arno and Ruth Vincent you are the all time Mr. and Miss East Central Community College.

Mr. Vincent, I consider it to be an honor and a pleasure to be on this platform with you today - Teacher, Coach, Administrator and President - you did it all with grace.

Convocation
to Honor
Walter Arno Vincent

in the Naming of the
Walter Arno Vincent
Administration Building



Tuesday, December 14, 1999
3:00 P.M.

PROGRAM

PreludeECCC Brass Quintet

Invocation.....Dr. Phil A. Sutphin
Dean of Instruction

Welcome.....Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President

Introduction of the Speakers.....Dr. Eddie M. Smith

Speaking to Honor Mr. W. Arno Vincent:

Opening Commendations.....Miss Lucille Wood
Class of 1951
Faculty Member

Additional Commendations.....General Denver Brackeen
Class of 1953
Retired Major General, MS National Guard
Former Dean of Students

Concluding Commendations.....Dr. Clyde Muse
Class of 1949
President, Hinds Community College

Response.....Mr. W. Arno Vincent

Comments.....Dr. Eddie M. Smith

Building Dedication.....The Walter Arno Vincent
Administration Building

Benediction.....Rev. James C. Twiner, Pastor
Poplar Springs Drive United Methodist Church

Following the dedication ceremony, a reception will be held to honor Mr. W. Arno Vincent in the Gold Room of the Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

PRE-SESSION FACULTY MEETING
SPEECH GIVEN BY LUCILLE WOOD AUGUST, 1999

Thank you Dr. Sutphin.

Dr. Sutphin said I could talk about anything I wanted to. That covers a lot of territory. (Dr. Sutphin I ask myself what do I know enough about to give a talk on.) Well:

1. I could talk about watching gourds grow and you can see the grow and you can see them grow.
2. Dogs I have known. If Willie Morris could write about Skip, I have known some dogs and have 3 dogs now.
3. Tell about going to a 3 teacher 8th grade school for 8 years and school lasted 8 months, so I have been cheated out of a year of education.
4. I could talk about the love of my mother,

but I have chosen A Time that Was – East Central Through My Eyes.

Now if you don't pay attention, try to sleep, look bored or talk to you neighbor – I am going to give your name to Dr. Sutphin and he will ask you to make this talk next year.

East Central has been a part of my life and the life of my family since 1941, when my oldest sister came to college.

Earline came – Lorene – Jim – myself and Lorene came back. Except for about 4 years, a member of my family have been here since 1941. Every member – that includes in-laws – except nephew Scott and niece-in-law Renee, Greg will be here next year.

Many cousins – I have Leonard and Sam Holdiness here now – Raymond Clark teaches night classes. If you live west of Philadelphia you are likely to be kin to me or kin to someone who is kin to me – right Mrs. Adcock

When I was a student here we had Saturday morning classes –

M-W-F T-T-S morning

T-T afternoons were for labs

We ate in a dining hall – family style – located on the first floor of Jackson Hall-

Ever so often we drew numbers for tables – so we changed – usually a faculty member ate at each table

Dr. Todd was the president – a man of vision – he knew every student by name and who we were kin to.

It is said he visited the area towns on Saturday afternoons when the farm folks came and encouraged them to send their sons and daughters to East Central.

Mrs. Sullivan was my favorite teacher – she is the one Sullivan Park is named for – she had a garden in that area and extended into the area where Newsom Hall is located. At every assembly and special program on campus she had a live arrangement – she liked the country boys and girls – the boys worked her garden and the bookstore – Such people as Brad Tucker – Joe Clark and Paul Simmons.

Only teacher I ever knew who had her own classroom and key

I always liked Mr. Vincent as a teacher – Coach and president – when we went on basketball trips he made sure we saw the points of interest in the area –

Eunice Eilau was my physical education teacher and coach – she was not my role model

She was from New Jersey – had a pink convertible car with leopard skin upholstery – Broke the ice to swim at Osborn pond. Never let anyone take her picture – so she is not in any annuals.

She told us they won't put miss on my tomb stone because Eilau hasn't missed anything – I don't know if Eilau has her tomb stone or not.

After East Central I had two choices – The "W" or Southern MS Girls didn't go to MS State.

Dr. Clyde Rent said you can always tell a "W" girl – We have one "W" girl on our Faculty - So if Dr. Rent is right you should be able to pick her out.

Just think I could be a "W" girl – stand in the long Blue Line and be an Ollie Owl instead of a golden eagle.

East Central gave me my foundation – but it was at Southern I came in contact with real health – physical education and recreation teachers.

I owe my philosophies to Southern –

I do not teach P.E.

I teach physical education

I am a physical educator

I teach physical – emotional – mental – social and moral concepts through physical activities.

My first job was at Co-Lin –

then came home to East Central –

I wrote Mr. Vincent and he wrote back and said school begins ____ you have an apartment in Scott Hall –

Miss Adcock I lived in a boy's dorm for several – shared the same hall and stairs –

Faculty meetings were held in the assembly room over the student center. At pre-session like now someone gave a long boring talk – Mrs. Newsome wrote on a paper and held up for the ones in the row behind her to read.

We wandered in and wandered out after we had wandered in and out – we were still in doubt as to if we had wandered in or wandered out

Every student took physical education for 4 semesters – required for graduation.

In physical education I have taught – volleyball – softball – badminton – bait casting – golf – archery – tumbling – square dance – folk dance – ribbon dance – rope jumping to music – tineckling (jumping in the bamboo canes – ask Carol Shackelford) – shuffleboard – 2 wall handball – ping pong – weight training – children games – marching – trampoline and swimming.

Mr. Vincent let us rent the swimming pool at the motel. A bus ran every 30 minutes there and back for the girls – 2:00-5:00 p.m. Also gave the national youth fitness test for 16 years.

Our intramural program was big because all the girls had the activities skills.

All the equipment is gone – playing court lines are gone – my bamboo canes went out the back door. This was called progress.

Most of you know I coached basketball for 30 years, men and women's tennis for 20 years. That has been discussed enough.

I have lived through:

Freshman days – a 50 gallon drum was in front of Winston Hall where the freshman boys checked in to have their heads clipped. They sold bennie caps for them to wear. On a cold frosty morning the sound was heard Freshman Day – They ran on the football field were dressed in tacky outfits – had to sit on the floor to eat – couldn't use a fork – usually had something like spaghetti.

Tearing down of magnificent old Neshoba Hall – the oldest building on campus with big steps leading up to a porch on second floor and a balcony on third floor.

The night before the Scooba football games, the freshman had to beat the big drum all night.

Had assemblies – every student was assigned a seat and was checked. Every department was assigned a date to do an assembly program – quite good.

Flat tops – Tommy Thrash had a nice flat top hair do.

Ballerina shoes – Dr. Smith - Peggy Ming's mother wrote her every day and gave the weather forecast. It was going to rain or be real cold. Peggy was not to wear her ballerina shoes.

Can-can petticoats – girls could hardly get in their desk.

Veronia Lake – hair does – hair covered one eye.

Hippie's – You all know what hippies looked like – We had one girl who didn't wear a bra and she was sent home. We tried to follow the pattern but not too successful. Our students were still rural and not up on the trend.

Vietnam War –

The talk was getting in the National Guard or getting deferred.

Joe Graham from Beulah Hubbard is the only student I knew who went.

Joe stepped on a land mine and was killed. This was very sad. Sid Salter wrote an article a dew years ago about Joe.

Bee Hive hair does. There is a picture in the annual of Alice Pouncey with a nice bee hive hair do.

Rain Coats – All girls had to cover their legs going to the physical education - Centralettes even down to the tennis courts.

Faculty women and slacks –

Dr. Wright (a book could be written on him) was determined women would not wear slacks to school. One cold day Alice Pouncey wore a pants suit and was called to the office before 10:00 a.m. The board of trustees let us cover our legs.

Dr. Wright said some of us were overly endowed and wouldn't look good.
Women of Dr. Wright's era – did you know he noticed our figures.

We attended the freshman-sophomore prom - got ourselves all dressed up – I remember the Red Tops and they always ended the dance by playing and singing Danny Boy.

Student workers

Before the government thought students needed their time for study they did most of the work on campus. These were some of our better students.

Each department decorated the student center window. Billy Smith, the agriculture teacher, always had an incubator of eggs to hatch.

Faculty kept the library at night – right down the alphabet and sold tickets to all ball games.

I have lived through 6 self-studies, if I make the year. I was a student in 1950-51 and back here to teach in 1960.

I was here when the student center burned – the only building to my knowledge that has burned.

(The first integrated event I ever attended was to hear Leontine Price – never heard anything like that before or after. She even gave us a little shortening bread.)

Intragation – Lots of talk before hand, but no problems. Ken Pouncey and Joe Clark brought the first black athletes to our campus. Our student body officers gave excellent leadership – Lucy Young from Morton was the president. She was and is an outstanding person.

May Day - a tradition for 40 years - in early days one of the largest community and school events. Women dressed and wore their hats – men dressed in their best. Bleachers and chairs moved to accommodate the crowd. Program was where the science building is located.

Title IX – Let's just say I lived through the time. I played an active part in the most unpopular movement – even have some scares that are still tender - equal opportunities for girls and women just in athletics but all programs.

What about that woman astronaut a few weeks ago – and set that shuttle down right on the green line.

In athletics there are many opportunities for girls and women – playing – coaching - refereeing - announcers – athletic trainers – athletic directors

There are things I like - a lot I do not like – our young girls are lacking true roll models – the way things are handled – pressure – win – win – attitudes and behavior of players. I don't worry about the pros but our young girls and women need coaches who are trained to coach through education.

For 45 years + 2_ I have never missed a home football game – that is 240 games – I have been associated with lots of football boys – I was there when Itawamba dressed and left at halftime – bleachers froze when we played Gulf Coast – At one time we had a white horse and real Indian – We made a touchdown and went riding to Scooba side – their boys got our horse and Indian – Our boys went to the rescue and we had a big fight –

Missed on a few home girls basketball games –

No one sees more softball games than Mrs. Haralson, Miss Adcock and myself –

Check on baseball – teach those boys –

Check on tennis

Keep up with Joe Clark and golf – and now have to make the soccer games –

Bruce Peterson – Einstein's brain has been examined and I would like an evaluation of Bruce's brain – never been around anyone who thought up as many things – from 1975 – 1985 he wrote a poem for every girls basketball game – Every time we played Gulf Coast the last verse was –

Set on a ant

Step on a roach

Beat Gulf Coast because I am
Afraid of their coach
and that was Sue Ross - Gene Davis

I worked with a coach who didn't want his boys to sit over the wheels on the bus going to games. He thought it would jar them and they couldn't play.

I asked a girl what direction she lived from Louisville. She said she got down here and got turned around and didn't know.

Each year Miss Barber made a talk to the girls about – Save Yourself Girls

All of you know about the student-teacher evaluation.

The written part on the negative part:

1. She keeps us the whole period.
2. She never misses a class.

One student wrote on mine:

I don't like all the corny stories she tells. I said to myself – well, I will just give notes with no breaks. I said no – I am going to tell more corny stories than ever before.

Mrs. Newsome told us stories.

One was about the teacher who wrote a mother that her daughter needed to practice some better personnel hygiene. The mother wrote back:

Dear teacher,

Learn her don't smell her. She ain't no rose.

She also told about the mother who wrote the teacher and said, "I don't want Mary Jane to know about the innards.

I think a lots of mothers must have written that letter because my health students know very little about their innards. Some even have bile movements.

Mr. Cliburn told tales:

- about holding his intestines in with his left hand while fighting with his right.
- taking his own tonsils out.
- bringing a piano down the steps from a burning building.
- how fast he could run at Mississippi college. That is true. I saw with my own eyes the trophies with Lommer B. Cliburn's name engraved.

Joe Clark had a basketball boy who was in electricity and wanted to get in the academic program. He said someone had given him some miss information. He said in academics you could miss something and still make a good grade, but in electricity if you get one wire out of place you had messed up the whole thing.

In Basic Math, Joe was discussing feet and inches. He asked a student "How long is a yard stick." The student said, "They come in different lengths." A girl behind him said "36 inches." He said, "not necessarily. Beverly you are just trying to confuse me."

The only person I know who will have more stars in their crown than Joe Clark is my mother.

East Central – how we have grown – more opportunities for our people – especially girls and women. These older women who return in many cases are our better students who have been in low paying jobs – one of the factors of the good life is worth and achievement and we are adding value to so many of their lives; and making them feel good about themselves.

I challenge you this year and this has always been important to me:
Let's give more time to the students here without a name.

Athletes, cheerleaders, band, Warrior Corp, beauty queens – these get the attention – names and pictures in the paper, but we have other students.

Let's help them to become a name. They need out attention. Some are very talented – a lot don't know why they are here. Some don't push themselves. They are never called on to do anything. Learn about your students, bring these people out, call them by name. In the hallway engage them in conversation.

Martha Graham, when she taught here a few years ago, was one of the best in building self-confidence in the basic studies students.

My point is – I have never seen her name in print being recognized by a student. Many of these never become doctors, lawyers and people of letters.

Many are just good citizens, decent workers, doing valuable jobs that keep the world going. These teachers and students never get recognition and this past year we lost one of our best in working with the no name students – Bill Lovett.

These teachers could be our best

Our motto – with you in mind
All students in mind

Who is the most important person here?
the Student

If you begin to teach a class – Be prepared and teach – that includes night classes –
don't make a mockery of the classroom-

Jessie Stuart said – Teachers Teach – Students study – if students are not studying
– no teaching is taking place –

In order to teach we need –

1. good environment
2. Free from excessive noise
3. Interruptions
4. Adequate temperature
5. proper equipment

To have a good year the key work is respect

You respect my work – and support my work – I respect and support your work
This includes every person on this campus – all workers

I come early to work – I enjoy speaking to our maintenance people as they come –
I stand outside Newton Hall – when Mary Cleveland speaks she makes my day –
Esther in the student center – the weed eater man – all of them –

When we have a ball game they want to know did our boys win – girls win – they
are a part of us –

Back to students – lets help these students to become responsible men and women
– I know many are just boys and girls but they can grow –

Broaden their interest

Expose them to the good life.

Be gentle – be kind – be firm – be fair – Have expectations and have them measure
up- to the best of their ability – Don't accept sloppy work – make them write

In all of that exercise that genuine concern -

I believe to teach is a calling from God – as teachers we can influence lives for eternity – good or bad –

I think of all of us here as a cake –

The class room teachers are the body of the cake – they are the foundation – they are what the college is all about –

Extra curricular activities are the icing – this is what the public sees –

The administration and board of trustees are the candles that light the way and give the direction –

Our service people make sure it is all kept in order –

So we are all bound together –
Every part of the cake is essential -

When this cake is replaced by machines – I shutter to think what this nation will become –

That personal relationship we have with the student is so important – we are all different with different personalities - we all add to their lives – Just a boring machine that doesn't laugh – with them – talk to them – make demands – prod them along – cheer them – listen to their happy times and sad times – fix their schedules – write letters of recommendation – talk to them on the phone – brag on them to their parents – well you get the point –

I enjoy teaching
I enjoy these students

Among all of us here this morning –
every student can be touched for good –

Thank you

**The NJCAA National
Service Award**

April 18, 1990

**Honoree
Miss Lucille Wood**

CONVOCATION
honoring
The naming of the
BRACKEEN - WOOD
Physical Education Building



Saturday, May 7, 1988
2:00 P. M.



PROGRAM

Prelude	ECJC Brass Ensemble
Processional	Prelude to Die Meistersinger Wagner
Master of Ceremonies	Dr. Eddie M. Smith President
Invocation	Rev. Barry Dickerson Decatur United Methodist Church
Welcome	Dr. Eddie M. Smith
Remarks	Mr. Henry B. Hudspeth Chairman, Board of Trustees
Introduction of Speakers Honoring Gen. Denver Brackeen	Dr. Brad Tucker Dean of Instruction
Comments.....	Mr. Arno Vincent
Comments	Dr. Brad Tucker
Response	General Denver Brackeen
Introduction of Speakers Honoring Miss Lucille Wood	Dr. Brad Tucker
Comments	Mrs. Lynn Russell Hayes
Comments	Miss Sheila Welch
Repsonse	Miss Lucille Wood
Benediction	Rev. Kent H. Cochran Louisville Calvary Baptist Church
Recessional	Prelude to Act Three, Lohengrin Wagner

A reception will follow the ceremony in the classroom area of the Brackeen - Wood Physical Education Building. Everyone is invited.



May 24, 1988

Miss Lucille Wood
ECJC
Decatur, Ms. 39327

Dear Miss Wood:

Congratulations! We read about you in the news and join your family and friends in extending to you our "Best Wishes" for your continued success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenneth R. Jones', written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth R. Jones
President

KRJ/m

Enclosure

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

LUCILLE WOOD

The East Central Junior College Alumni Association takes pride in honoring Miss Lucille Wood as its second inductee into the Athletic Hall of Fame. A former student athlete, a successful coach, and a pioneer in the development of women's basketball in the junior colleges of Mississippi, Miss Wood's career in athletics has spanned some 35 years.

Lucille Wood, the daughter of the late George and Edna Myres Wood, is a native of the Calvary Community in Winston County. Miss Wood is a graduate of Louisville High School and East Central Junior College and holds the B.S. and M.A. Degrees in Health and Physical Education from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Miss Wood was an outstanding athlete at Louisville High School where she lettered in both basketball and track. She later attended East Central and lettered in both basketball and tennis. Her athletic skills continued at USM in the area of intramurals. (At that time, USM sponsored no intercollegiate sports for women.) She was chosen the outstanding intramural coach of the year and was the outstanding individual player runnerup for her intramural play.

Before coming to East Central in 1956, Miss Wood taught and coached both basketball and tennis at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College. When intercollegiate junior college basketball was discontinued between 1955 and 1974, Miss Wood coached tennis, volleyball, and directed girls' intramurals. She organized club basketball teams for girls. It was during this time that she conducted the first college basketball tournament for women in 1968 with Hinds, Gulf Coast, M.S.C.W. and E.C.J.C. participating. East Central won this tournament and two years later won the State Junior College A.I.A.W. Championship and again in 1973. The 1973 team played in the Region II Tournament at West Georgia College.

Girls' basketball was officially reinstated in Mississippi Junior Colleges in 1974, and since that time Miss Wood's teams have won three Division Championships (1976, 1979, and 1980). The 1976 and 1979 teams were State Champions. She has also taken East Central to Regional Tournaments in 1977, 1978, 1980, and 1985.

Miss Wood served as coach of the first Junior College All-Star Game in 1978 and was an All-Star Coach again in 1981 and in 1985. In 1979, she was a member of the 20 Top Coaches in the Nation. She served for four years on the Coach of the Year Selection Committee and the Regional Basketball Committee for two years. She is listed in WHO'S WHO IN THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST and in the 1985-86 Edition of WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN WOMEN.

Perhaps Miss Wood's contributions can best be summed up by a former player who commented, "Lucille Wood certainly has the credentials, both as an athlete and a coach, to make her deserving of this honor. But winning alone in sports is of little value if a player does not learn to give unselfishly of herself, to help others, and to contribute to society. These qualities have always been instilled by this great coach into her players and students."

Post Box 471551
Miami, FL 33147
October 15, 1986

Ms. Lucille Woods c/o
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Peterson
Box 57 E. C. J. C.
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Coach Woods:

Congratulations upon being inducted into the E. C. J. C.
Athletic Hall of Fame. I can think of no other person who deserves
the honor more.

Because I now resided in Miami, Florida, I am unable to be
present at this happy occasion. My accomplishments over the years
are due to times well spent with you.

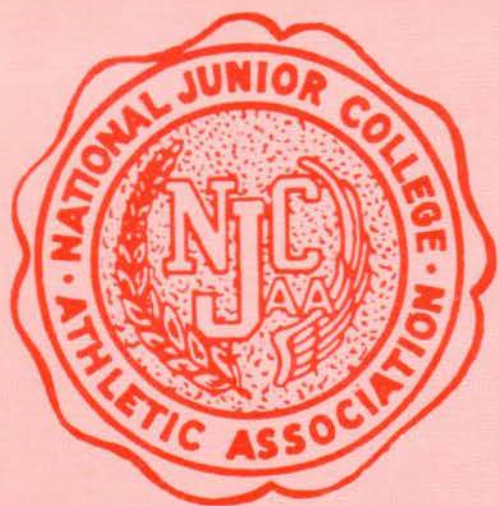
Take care of yourself and remember always, my blessings and
best wishes are with you and during this happy moment.

Loving thoughts,

Jeanette Barnes
Ms. Jeanette Barnes

JB/eg

P. S. I am now teaching Physical Education at Miami Jackson Senior
High School, and coaching Basketball, Badminton and Junior
Varsity Volleyball.



THE SEVENTH ANNUAL

NJCAA ALL STAR BASKETBALL GAME

SPORTS ARENA — HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

APRIL 13, 1985



EAST

NO.	NAME	HEIGHT	SCHOOL	REGION	CITY
	Joy Eichelberger	5' 8"	East Cent. Jr. Coll.	23	Decatur, MISS.
	Kristi Moore	5' 6"	Illinois Central	24	E. Peoria, ILL.
	Lynda Roth	5' 11"	Emmanuel Coll.	17	Franklin Spg., GA.
	Kathleen McGrail	5' 8"	Lackawanna Jr. Coll.	19	Scranton, PA.
	Jewel Fason	5' 11"	Shelby State	7	Memphis, TN.
	Lisa Samples	6' 0"	Truett-McConnell	17	Cleveland, GA.
	Sandy Storey	6' 2"	Essex C. C.	20	Baltimore Co., MD.
	Renee Dozier	6' 0"	Coffeyville C. C.	6	Coffeyville, KS.
	Angela Kuehn	5' 10"	Johnson Co. C. C.	6	Overland Park, KA.
	Lucille Carson	5' 10"	Cowley Co. C.C.	6	Arkansas City, KS.

Coach:
VAN THOMPSON
 Allen County Comm. College
 Iola, Kansas

FOR P.M. RELEASE MONDAY,
March 25, 1985

ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL TEAM

ANNOUNCED BY KODAK AND WBCA

ROCHESTER, N.Y. -- Jay Eichelberger of East Central Junior College is one of five collegiate basketball players named to the Kodak All-District Women's Basketball Team for District VI for NCAA Division Junior/Community Colleges, which includes Arkansas, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. The team is selected by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA).

(Local SIDS insert one or more paragraphs on the individual player, including statistics, career achievements, coaches' comments, etc.)

"The five athletes were chosen for this honor through a selection process that involved all women's basketball coaches at colleges and universities that are WBCA members and involved at the Division Junior/Community College level," said Lorene Ramsey, selection chairperson and head women's basketball coach at Illinois Central.

Other District VI members are Rhonda Mikes, Northwest Mississippi Junior College; Charlene James and Lynn Harvey, Tyler Junior College; and Sharon Blair, Odessa College. Nine such teams were selected at the Junior/Community College level, representing the various regions in the country.

MORE

All-District selection is the first step in the process to pick the 1985 Kodak Women's All-America Basketball Teams. While all 45 women named to the nine All-District teams in this division are eligible for nomination to their divisions' Women's All-America Team, the top vote getters are considered the leading candidates.

The 1985 Lower Division Women's All-America Team will be announced on Wednesday, March 27. The 1985 Kodak Division I Women's All-America teams will be announced Thursday, March 28, in Austin, Tx., during the NCAA Women's Basketball Championships at the Erwin Center.

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National Junior College Athletic Association

All-American

This is to Certify that

ANDREA JOY EICHELBERGER

EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE

Was named to a SECOND TEAM position on the

1985

Women's All-American Basketball Team of the NJCAA for the year

Dated at Hutchinson, Kansas this 23rd day of March 19 85

Thos. Shepard
.....
PRESIDENT

Sam L. Sykes
.....
SECRETARY



March 18, 1985

Ms. Lucille Wood
Athletic Director
East Central Junior College
Decatur, Miss. 39327

Dear Lucille:

It is a pleasure to inform you that Jay Eichelberger has been named to the Kodak All-District Women's Basketball Team, as selected by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, for District VI for NCAA Division Junior/Community colleges. This team will be announced Monday, March 25.

A sample news release follows which you can use for your local announcement. Feel free to add information which you feel would be of interest to your local media. We ask that this be for release Monday, March 25, P.M.

As you probably know, All-District selection is the first step toward making the 1985 Kodak Women's All-America Basketball Team. The ten players who will make this team in your division will be chosen by the WBCA in the next couple of days. If your player is selected, we will, of course, let you know.

Thanks for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

James M. Albright
Sports Information

JMA:clm
(716) 724-4731
Attachment

**Mississippi
Junior
College
All-Star
Basketball
Game**

**Holmes Junior College
Goodman, Miss.**

6:00 & 8:00

APRIL 2, 1985

SOUTH ALL-STARS

Women

No.	Name	Position	Height	Point Average	School
40	Beverly Chambers	F	5'10"	14.9	East Central
32	Joy Eichelberger	G-F	5'8"	25.7	East Central
14	Sharon Felder	G	5'7"	22.2	Southwest
21	Tamara Haggard	G	5'4"	14.3	Hinds
20	Rochelle Henderson	C	5'11"	19.6	Utica
34	Sandra Johnson	F	5'9"	12.8	Copiah-Lincoln
34	Beulah Leggins	F	6'0"	17.5	Utica
22	Arlisa Silas	F	5'7"	13.3	Pearl River
24	Teri Vaughn	G-F	5'7"	13.6	Jones
30	Sheila Wallace	F	5'10"	13.6	Copiah-Lincoln
15	Darlene Watts	F-C	5'11"	19.6	Miss. Gulf Coast

Coaches Richard Rivers, Jones; Lucille Wood, East Central

Men

Scoring Average	No.	Name	Pos.	Hts.	School	Coaches	Scoring Average
11.0	24	Rickey Griffin	F	6'5"	ECJC	S. Rives	14.0
24.0	32	Calvin Washington	F	6'4"	JCJC	F. Turner	12.0
17.5	34	Dontray Williams	F	6'4"	CLJC	M. Jones	19.0
29.0		Steve Bankston	PG	6'0"	MGCJC	B. Weathres	11.0
14.0	14	Michael White	G	6'0"	UJC	J. Nelson	13.6
19.0		Carl Fervin	F	6'5"	PRJC	L. Smithmire	24.0
14.0	22	Pat Graner	G	6'5"	SWJC	K. Davis, Jr.	11.5
15.0	32	Robert Bendolph	G	6'3"	HJC	R. Garrison	21.0
8.2	32	Steve Gouner	G	6'2"	PRJC	L. Smithmire	12.0
14.0	11	Alvin Morris	PG	6'0"	HJC	R. Garrison	14.0
14.0	33	Ken Vincent	C	6'7"	CLJC	M. Jones	14.0

Coaches Steve Rives, East Central; Lawrence Smithmire, Pearl River

EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE



1982 - 83 BASKETBALL

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Scott

Winston



LUCILLE WOOD

Miss Wood is a native of Winston County and a graduate of Louisville High School. She received her AA Degree from East Central Junior College, B.S. Degree and M.A. Degree from the University of Southern Mississippi with a major in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. She has also achieved sixty hours beyond Masters from Mississippi State and University of Southern Mississippi.

Before coming to East Central, Miss Wood coached tennis and basketball at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College. When intercollegiate junior college basketball was discontinued, between 1955 and 1974, Miss Wood taught Health and Physical Education at East Central along with coaching tennis, volleyball, and directing girls intramurals. She also found time to organize a club basketball team for girls, which won state championships in 1970 and 1973. The 1973 team played in region III tournament at West Georgia College. It was during this time Miss Wood worked hard for young women to be able to enjoy the advantages of sports participation on the secondary and college levels. Through the efforts of her and others who shared the same ideals of equality, womens sports have become a reality.

Girls basketball was officially reinstated in Mississippi Junior Colleges in 1974, and since that time her teams have won three division championships in 1976, 1979 and 1980. The 1976 team and 1979 team were state champions. She has also taken East Central teams to regional tournaments in 1977, 1978, 1979, and 1980. The 1979 team reached the semi-finals.

Miss Wood has been and still is active in many organizations. She has served as President of the Mississippi Junior College Women Coaches' Association, the ECJC Alumni Association, and was chosen East Central's Alumnus of the Year in 1965. She is an active member of Delta Kappa Gama, Mississippi Junior College Faculty Association, Mississippi Association of Education, and University of Southern Mississippi and ECJC Alumni Association.

In 1978 she served as a coach for the first Junior College All Star Team and was voted one of the top twenty junior college coaches in the nation. In 1979 she was voted the Mississippi Association of Coaches Junior College Women's Coach of the Year. In 1981 she was one of the All-Star coaches.

Miss Wood serves on the Selection Committee for the Fourth Annual Stayfree National Coach of the Year committee and a member of the Basketball Committee for Region XXIII. She is listed in the 1980 Marquis Publications Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

Since 1970, Miss Wood's teams have achieved a 159-88 record against other Junior College teams and her girls, after graduating from East Central, have been signed by a number of Senior colleges.

Miss Wood has been at East Central for twenty-six years. Her time and energies are equally devoted to classroom teaching and coaching. The sophomore ball players of 1982 presented Miss Wood with a plaque with the following inscription that describes her: "Lucille Wood combines athletes and academics to build well rounded individuals."

Meet the 1982 - 83 Warriorettes



Jennifer Hatcher - 20
Freshman, Nanih Waiya



Jo Bloodsaw - 22
Sophomore, South Leake



Angie Ryals - 23
Sophomore, Winston Academy



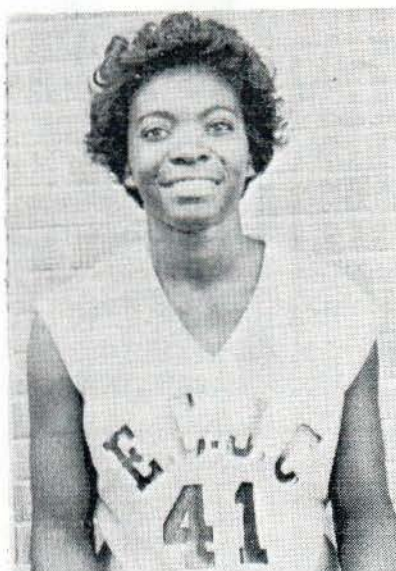
Stephanie Townsend - 24
Sophomore, South Leake



Brenda Cook - 35
Freshman, Carthage



Melody Parker - 40
Freshman, Sebastopol



Mattie Burnside - 41
6'0" Sophomore, Noxapater



Augusta Hardney - 42
6'2" Sophomore, South Leake



Eltorry Ficklin - Mgr.
Sophomore, Morton

Miss. Junior College All-Star

- 1978 - Tammie Tadlock, Morton
- 1979 - Charlene Jones, Forest, Most Valuable Player
Carla Halley, Morton
- 1980 - Esther Thomas, Louisville, Most Valuable Player
Joyce Watkins, Lake
Mona Tucker, Forest
- 1981 - Debbie McBeath, Sebastopol
- 1982 - Jo An Earnest, Scott Central
Sheila Welch, Decatur

1000 Points in 2 Years at ECJC

- 1975-76, Evelyn Bender, Newton, 1081 points in 42 games for 25.7 ave.
- 1976-77 Diana Lyons, Neshoba Central, 1030 points in 54 games for 19.0 Average
- 1979-80 Esther Thomas, Louisville, 1203 points in 57 games for 21.1 ave.
- 1980-81 Debbie McBeath, Sebastopol, 1085 points in 50 games for 21.7 ave.



Pam Coleman - 25
Sophomore, Leake Academy



Dorothy Jackson - 30
Sophomore, South Leake



Angie Wash - 31
Freshman, Forest



Paula Rogers - 32
Sophomore, Winston Academy



Dayna Williamson - 33
Freshman, Philadelphia



Earlene Moore - 34
Sophomore, Lake

NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

1981 NJCAA WOMEN'S ALL REGION BASKETBALL TEAMS

REGION I

Ann Wise, Mesa CC, Mesa, AZ
Teri Sharkey, Mesa CC, Mesa, AZ
Debra Osborne, Eastern Arizona College, Thatcher, AZ
Cassandra Adams, Dixie College, St. George, UT
Meridon McMullin, Eastern Arizona College, Thatcher, AZ

REGION II

Natalie St. Mary, Eastern Oklahoma St. College, Wilburton, OK
Brenda Hudson, Murray St. College, Tishomingo, OK
Rochelle Ware, Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa, OK
Robin Challis, El Reno JC, El Reno, OK
Carrie Tucker, Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa, OK
Kelly Kramer, Seminole JC, Seminole, OK
Valerie Moore, Connors St. College, Warner, OK
Michelle Minor, Mississippi County CC, Blytheville, AR
Vicki Johnson, Carl Albert JC, Poteau, OK

REGION III

Sue O'Callaghan, Erie CC, Buffalo, NY
Amy Fowler, Monroe CC, Rochester, NY
Barb Reiman, Erie CC, Buffalo, NY
Kathy VanKuren, Broome CC, Binghamton, NY
Kim Bouck, Herkimer County CC, Herkimer, NY

REGION IV

Stacey Admire, Lewis and Clark CC, Godfrey, IL
Abby Ingrum, Parkland College, Champaign, IL
Mickey McEvoy, Triton College, River Grove, IL
Rose Peeples, Illinois Central College, E. Peoria, IL
Leslie Spencer, Lincoln College, Lincoln, IL
Cindy Stein, Illinois Central College, E. Peoria, IL
Joyce Taylor, Wilbur Wright College, Chicago, IL
Carmen Woods, John A. Logan College, Carterville, IL

REGION V

Olivia Jones, Amarillo College, Amarillo, TX
Kelly Lyons, Howard College, Big Spring, TX
D.D. Polk, Cooke County College, Gainesville, TX
Kay Cole, Weatherford College, Weatherford, TX
Shari Teal, Western Texas College, Snyder, TX

REGION VI

Cindy Dreier, Hutchinson CC, Hutchinson, KS
JaNelda Dvorak, Barton County CC, Great Bend, KS
Marla Gardenhire, Cloud County CC, Concordia, KS
Beth Gaughan, Johnson County CC, Overland Park, KS
Susan Hamilton, Cloud County CC, Concordia, KS
Tracy King, Neosho County CC, Chanute, KS
Mary Michalski, Johnson County CC, Overland Park, KS
Raenette Ostmeyer, Colby Comm. JC, Colby, KS
Cindy Platt, Hutchinson CC, Hutchinson, KS
Barb Rausch, Cowley County CC, Arkansas City, KS
DeeDee Reeves, Independence CC, Independence, KS
Paula Stanley, Allen County CC, Iola, KS

REGION VII

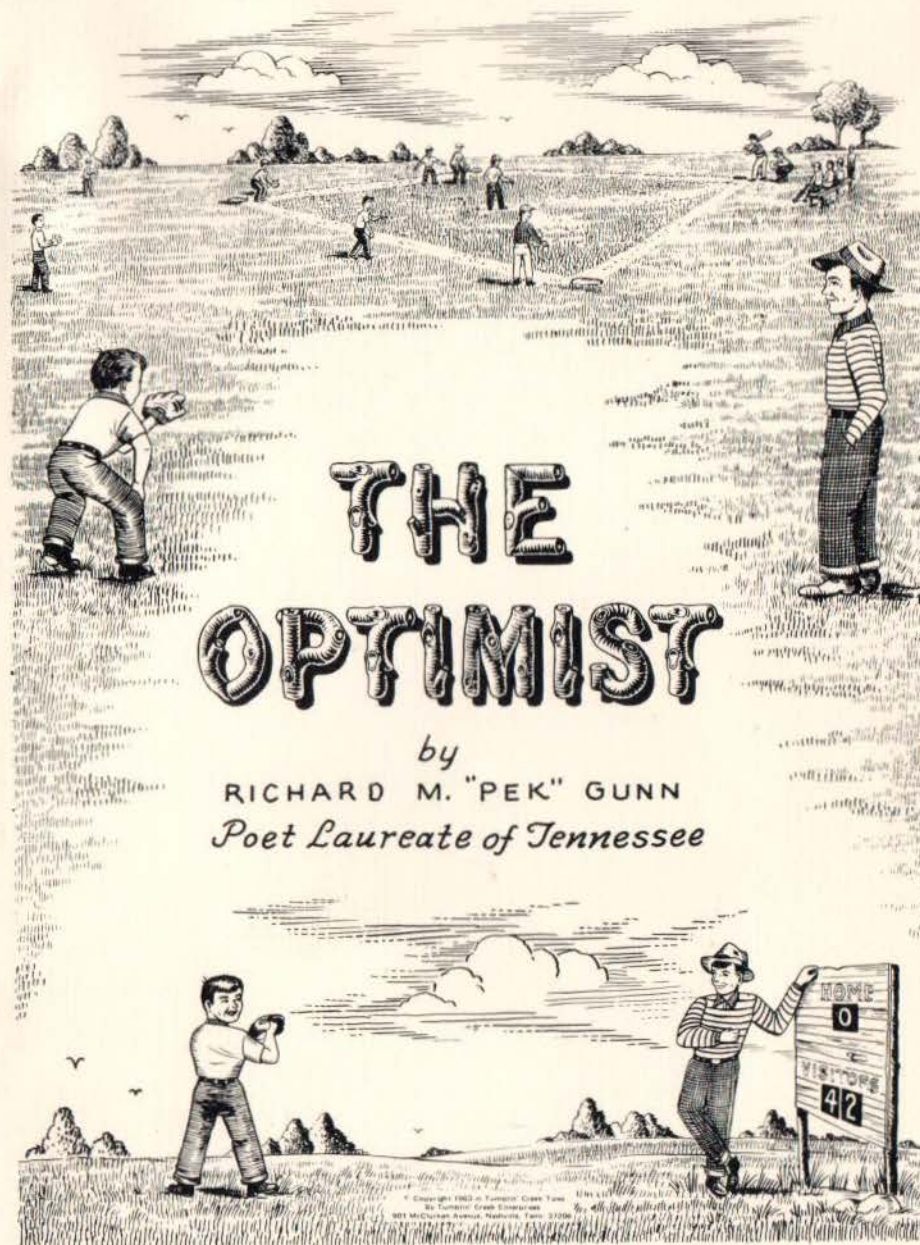
Pricella Gary, Shelby St. CC, Memphis, TN
Rochelle Thompson, Northwest Mississippi JC, Senatobia, MS
Helen Malone, Jackson St. CC, Jackson, TN
Sandra Newborne, Northwest Mississippi JC, Senatobia, MS
Anita Myers, Cleveland St. CC, Cleveland, TN
Dottie Kelso, Martin College, Pulaski, TN
Jennifer Taylor, Walters St. CC, Morristown, TN
Janet Loudermilk, Columbia St. CC, Columbia, TN
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Debbie McBeath, East Central JC, Decatur, MS

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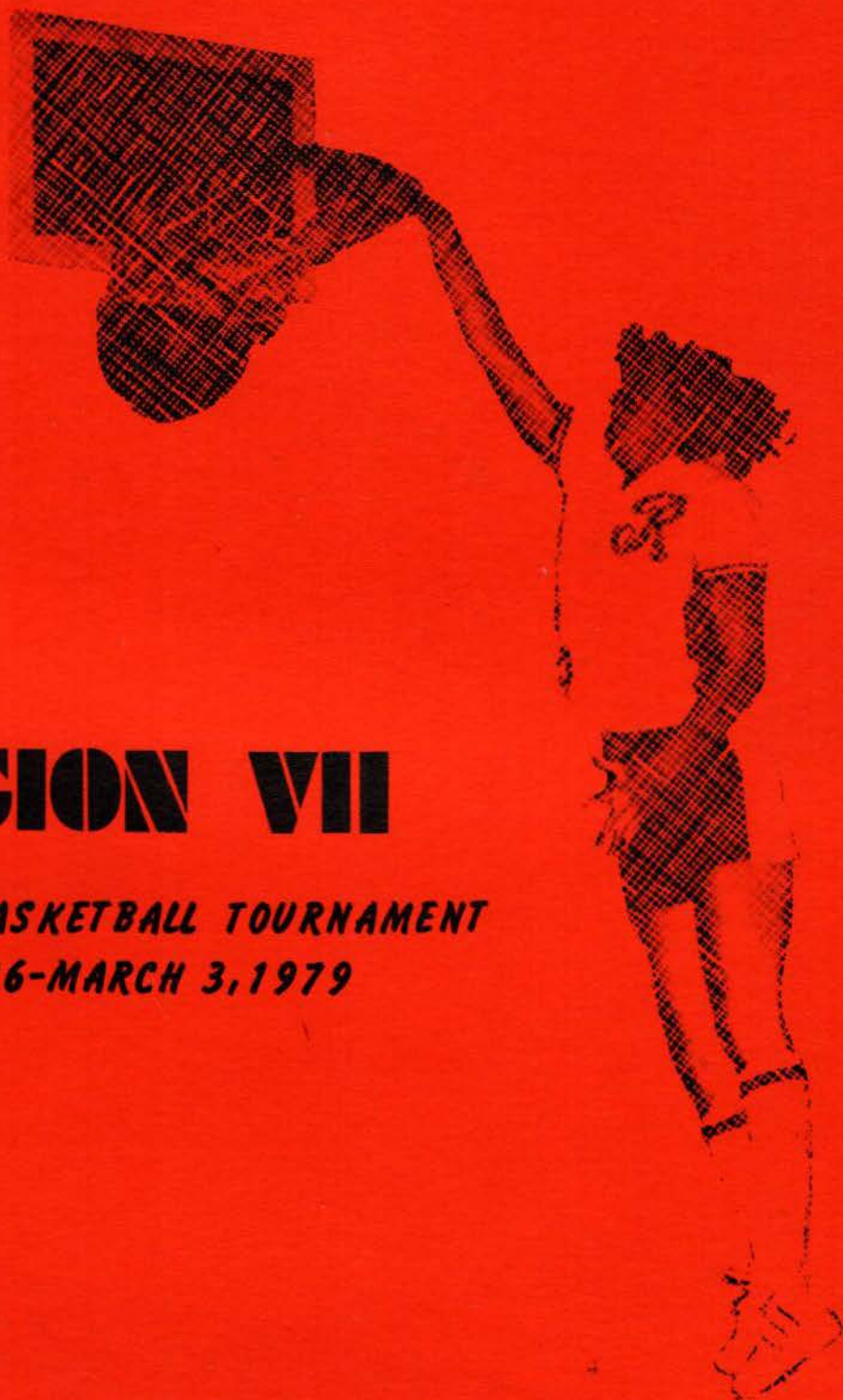
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First row: left to right - Faye Russell, Esther Thomas, Jo Lynn Elkins, Bobby Collier
 Second row: Skippy Latham, Mgr., Carla Hailey, Cheryl Gibbon, Joyce Watkins, Faye Quinn
 Third row: Lucille Wood, Coach, Kathy Keeton, Irma Johnson, Charlene Jones, Mona Tucker, Iris Smith, Mgr.

EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER 1978-79

East Central Junior College is located at Decatur, Mississippi. The college serves five counties: Leake, Winston, Scott, Newton and Neshoba. The current enrollment includes about 750 full-time students. Dr. Charles V. Wright has been president since 1966. It is one of the oldest junior colleges in the state, this year being the 50th Anniversary.

NO	NAME	CLASS	HEIGHT	HIGH SCHOOL	COACH
12	Ester Thomas	Fresh.	5'2"	Louisville	Allan Goodin
13	Bobbie Collier	Fresh.	5'5"	South Leake	Robert Dorman
14	Velma Smith	Fresh.	5'7"	Union	Mike Noblitt
15	Carla Hailey	Soph.	5'9"	Morton	Ray Riley
21	Faye Russell	Fresh.	5'5"	Union	Mike Noblitt
22	Charlene Jones	Soph.	6'1"	Forest	Haywood Reeves
23	Jo Lynn Elkins	Fresh.	5'5"	Morton	Ray Riley
24	Cheryl Gibbon	Fresh.	5'8"	Hickory	Richard Harris
25	Faye Quinn	Fresh.	5'8"	Noxapeter	Johnny Pair
30	Joyce Watkins	Fresh.	5'8"	Lake	Bernie Kirkland
31	Kathy Keeton	Soph.	5'11"	Morton	Ray Riley
32	Mona Tucker	Fresh.	5'10"	Forest	Haywood Reeves
33	Irma D. Johnson	Soph.	6'2"	Scott Central	Sammy Pace

Manag : Skippy Latham - Freshman - Sebastopol
 Jo Ann Darby - Freshman - South Leake

Coach: Lucille Wood

President: Dr. Charles V. Wright

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Thursday, July 26, 1979

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Introductions and Special Awards.. Bernard Blackwell
Induction of New Members.....William Winter
Speaker.....Dr. Barry Landrum
Bossier City, Louisiana

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M.A.C. MEMBERS RECEIVING 15-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Harvey Childers, Daniel, New Albany	Ennis Proctor, Wingfield, Jackson
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Norman Minton, Siwell Road, Jackson	Rudolph Sellers, George County
Joe Moore, Winona	Earl Stevens, Amory
Julius (Tack) Moore, Northeast, Lauderdale	G. T. Thames, Starkville
Hoyle Payne, Belmont	

M.A.C. MEMBERS RECEIVING 20-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Billy Brown, West Kemper, DeKalb	John Williams, Mississippi College
John A. Flynt, New Hebron	

M.A.C. MEMBERS RECEIVING 25-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Jimmy Bellipanni, Miss. Delta Jr. Col.	William H. Tullos, Raleigh A. J. Kilpatrick
Grady R. Johnson, Enterprise	W. B. Ward, Northeast Miss. Jr. Col.
Scott Jones, Jr., Watkins, Laurel	Lum Wright, Warren Central
Bill Raphael, St. Joseph, Jackson	

M.C.A. MEMBERS RECEIVING 30-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

W. C. "Pop" Allen, Jackson Public Schools
Robert H. Ulmer, Adams County

COACHES OF THE YEAR

Athletic Director—Robert Turnage, Meridian
Baseball—Jerry Boatner, West Lauderdale
Basketball (Boys)—Donald Evans, Meridian
Basketball (Girls)—Greg Holmes, Utica
Football—Lum Wright, Warren Central
Track (Boys)—Joe Allen, Biloxi
Track (Girls)—Mildrette Bell, Leland
Tennis—Douglas Boler, Watkins, Laurel
Cross Country—Woody Barnett, Pearl
Girls Sports—Janie Frierson, Vicksburg

JUNIOR COLLEGE COACHES OF THE YEAR

Baseball—James F. Bellipanni, Mississippi Delta
Basketball (Men)—Earl Joe Nelson, Utica
Basketball (Women)—Lucille Wood, East Central
Football—Dr. James Gray, Mississippi Delta

Special appreciation to Senator Jimmy Caldwell of Crystal Springs and Charter Member of M.A.C. for drafting concurrent resolutions.

Delta Kappa Gamma
Golden Anniversary 1979

EAST CENTRAL'S JONES AND WOOD TAKE TOP HONORS IN THE STATE

Charlene Jones, Sophomore from Forest and her Coach Lucille Wood took top honors in women's basketball in the junior college league in the state. In a recent meeting in Jackson, Jones was chosen number one All-State and Wood was chosen as the first ever "Coach of the Year" for Women's basketball in Mississippi Junior Colleges. (1979)

Being chosen number one is nothing new to the 6'-1" center. Her list of achievements include: All-Region VII two years, All-State two years, All-Star Game and most valuable player for the South Team, All-Region VII Tournament Team two years. She along with team mate Carla Halley were captains for a team that won South Division Championship, State Championship and reached the semi-finals in Region VII. Region VII consist of teams from Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Coach Wood also leads in accomplishment in the state. Her teams have won four state championships since 1970. They won in 1970, 1973, 1976, and 1979. In 1977 they finished second in the state and in 1978 finished third. They played in the Region Tournaments in 1973, 1977, 1978 and 1979.

Wood was chosen to coach the first Junior College All-Star Game and serves as president of the Junior College Women's Coaches Association. In 1978 she was one of the finalist in the nation for Junior College Coach of the Year and served on the Junior College National Coach of the Year Committee this year.

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January 2, 1979

Ms. Lucille Wood
Womens Basketball Coach
East Central Jr. College
PO Box 12
Decatur, Ms 39327

Dear Ms. Wood;

Presentation of the awards for the 1979 STAYFREE Women in Sports Program including the Wade Trophy Player of the Year Award, the STAYFREE Coach of the Year Awards on three collegiate levels, and the STAYFREE Service to Women's Sports Award, will be made April 2, 1979 at a reception and dinner to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria for the benefit of the Women's Sports Foundation. It will be a great night for women's sports.

If you are interested in attending the awards dinner, please mark the date on your calendar and contact us at your earliest convenience.

Again, we thank you for all your help as a committee member and supporter of women's sports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert W. Kennedy". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Robert W. Kennedy

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Hi Coach Wood,

I'm sure you all have been wondering about me so I decided to write a few lines. How are things around the E.C. Campus? Hope things are as well as can be expected. I'm doing fine.

I really haven't had much of a chance to tour this part of Virginia. We're staying in a hotel something like 15 or 20 miles from the D.C. area. I have gotten a chance to go to the Capitol Building. I only had a chance to go up the steps to the door cause the place was closed at the time of the night we made it there. It's a beautiful place. I hope one day soon I can get to see it during the day time.

The girls here are all good ball players and the coach has a tough decision to make when he gets ready to cut. We have 18 girls still trying out. The coach is keeping 15 players but only 12 will travel.

We will stay here until about the 1st 2 weeks or so of November. Practice is every day of the week from 9:00-12:00 & 2:00-4:00 and on Saturday's from 9:00-12:00. Sunday's we have off. The only thing that I'm really having trouble with is my feet and legs. I'm having the same kind of trouble I had a couple of times while I was there. They seem to feel it's due to my arches and the way I run. I'm not having a hard go of it other than trying to stay healthy and on the court.

I don't really have much to say. But I do feel I should let you know how it's coming for me. Tell every one hello and that I send my love. Hope to hear from you all soon. You all be good. God Bless every one. I'm working on the schedules. We go to New Orleans January 4.

Love Always
Evelyn "Snoopy"

Evelyn Bender
Room 216 Happy Inn
88401 Richmond Hi-Way
Alexandria, Virginia

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Bender -
for Basketball
Team, Washin^g



Miss Lucille Wood
Department of Athletics
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September 12, 1977

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On October 8, 1977, East Central Junior College will celebrate its annual homecoming. As a part of the homecoming celebration, the Alumni Association will honor Mrs. Jessie Mae Everett as its Alumnus of the Year. At 3 p.m. on that day, there will be a reception on the campus honoring Mrs. Everett, with the formal presentation of the Alumnus of the Year Award being made at a banquet that evening.

Mrs. Everett graduated from East Central Junior College in 1949 and, after having received the Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from the University of Mississippi, returned to East Central in 1956 as a member of the Business Education faculty.

Mrs. Everett is not only an excellent teacher, having influenced the lives of literally hundreds of young men and women who have gone on to make important contributions in the world of American business, but she has given untiringly of her time and efforts in community, state, and national affairs. Mrs. Everett is married to Decatur attorney James B. Everett and is the mother of two children, one a freshman at East Central Junior College and the other a senior medical student at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

We would be greatly honored if you could attend our homecoming to help honor Mrs. Everett. However, realizing your busy schedule we know that this might be impossible.

As a part of the ceremony honoring Mrs. Everett, we would like to present her with a scrapbook containing letters of commendation. We would appreciate it if you could write Mrs. Everett such a letter and send it to me to be included in the scrapbook.

Sincerely yours,

Lucille Wood

Lucille Wood, Chairman
Alumnus of the Year Committee

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Crown To GC

WESSON — Gulf Coast jumped out to a 24-point lead at the half, then held on for a 65-50 victory over East Central here Saturday night to win the Mississippi Junior College Conference South Division women's basketball championship.

The Lady Bulldogs stormed to a 37-13 advantage by intermission which proved too much for East Central to overcome, even though it did rally within eight in the closing minutes before falling back again.

Both teams — Gulf Coast is now 18-11, East Central 15-10 — advance to the four-team state tourney to be hosted by Gulf Coast Wednesday and Thursday. East Mississippi and Coahoma are the North Division representatives.

"We had lots of shots, but nothing would go down," said East Central Coach Lucille Wood in explaining the first-half debacle. "We got flustered and things just got worse and worse."

"After that, we came back and played pretty well in the second half. But the damage was done."

Edna Purvis had 22 points, Peg Farris 18 and Connie Winstead 10 for Gulf Coast while Jeannette Barnes notched 20 and Judy Latham 10 for East Central.

In 3 Overtimes

CLEVELAND, Tenn. — Heart-break is losing a triple overtime game.

East Central now knows the feeling, the Lady Warriors dropping a 75-72 decision to Motlow (Tenn.) State here Wednesday night in the National Junior College Athletic Assn. Region 7 women's basketball tournament.

Labora Whitaker of Motlow State sank two free throws with 52 seconds remaining, giving the Tennesseans a 73-70 bulge and they held off East Central the rest of the way to finally end the marathon.

Diana Lyons gunned in 25 points in a losing cause for East Central, Julie Latham adding 17, Jeannette Barnes 16 and Tammy Tadlock 12.

For Motlow, Sherry Seely was high with 19 while Kathy Smart and Sheila Scott tossed in 13 apiece and Whitaker 12.

The other Mississippi Junior College Conference team in action Wednesday was more fortunate as Coahoma clipped Martin (Tenn.), 78-65.

Louise Perkins found the range for 28 in leading Coahoma, support furnished by Bertha Bass with 11 and Shirley Kinard and Lee Anna Lee with 10 each. Martin got 18 from Helen Stessel, 16 from Karen Crain, 15 from D.V. Sanderson and 10 from Rhonda Watkins.

Other Wednesday contests saw Hiwassee (Tenn.) State bump Paducah (Ky.), 84-74, and Cleveland (Tenn.) State bomb Walters (Tenn.) State, 64-43.

Today's quarterfinals find Gulf Coast going against Chattanooga (Tenn.) State Technical at 1 p.m., Volunteer (Tenn.) State against East Mississippi at 3, Hiwassee against Motlow State at 6 and Coahoma against Cleveland State at 8.

EC finishes 2nd in State tourney

South Division tournament to Gulf Coast, the Warriorettes earned the right to meet the Lady 'Dogs again for the state championship by defeating arch-rival Scooba 64-56, in the semi-finals.

In the championship game the taller Bulldogettes stopped the inside play of Diana Lyons and forced E.C. to take lower percentage shots away from the basket. Julie Latham and Jeanette Barnes did hit a few of the outside shots and the Warriorettes were behind only by 3, 32-29, at the half. In the second half the law of averages caught up with the Lady Warriors and E.C. steadily fell behind. East

Central did make a run at the lead several times, mainly on the strength of Lyon's magnificent play, but to no avail.

E.C. closed the gap to one point with 8:58 to go in the game but 6 straight points by Gulf Coast and the ability of the Bulldogettes to make their free throws produced the final margin of 12 points.

Lyons and Jeanette Barnes led the E.C. attack with 14 points each and Julie Latham had 8 points for the cause. East Central will play Wednesday, March 2, in the regional tournament at Cleveland Community College.

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It is an honor to represent the faculty of East Central Junior College on a day such as today, when two new learning facilities are being dedicated.

These buildings can only come alive when they are filled with students. It is the student who breathes life to a campus and causes it to become alive. It is the whole function of the other parts, faculty, administration and service personnel to aid in changing boys and girls into thinking men and women.

Because of my close associations with many of the teaching faculty here at East Central, I share their thoughts and beliefs. We have chosen classroom teaching as our field of work because of its unique opportunities. The student represents more to the East Central Junior College teacher than a number, or an object to instruct on holding down a job. The great challenge is to aid and instruct in how to live. It has been proven that machines can never take our place. Machines can aid, but it is the day by day relationships between teachers and students that the goals of education can be achieved. Those who excell we share in their happiness and those who fail a little of us die with them.

This classroom building offers to the faculty a physical environment conducive to meeting the educational needs of students. The adequate space was one of the greater needs of teachers. The office space in this building provides the faculty with the needed area for study and council with students. The classrooms and general environment of the building provides an atmosphere for learning.

Newton Hall replaces my academic memories of East Central. As a student here, every class I attended except Biology was in that building. The old classroom building twenty-five years ago housed the office of the president, business office, academic dean, registrar, auditorium, library, post office, boiler room and most of the classes taught on campus. All the memories of my teachers and what they meant to me were enclosed in that one building.

Times change and progress must be made to keep with the changes. Twenty-five years from now when present day students return to this campus, I hope this building and its memories mean as much to them as the old classroom building did to me.

The new library building across the way is truly an achievement for our college and our area.

The naming of this building for Miss Burton is an honorable endeavor. The library building with all its beauty, charm, and potential for service is in keeping with this one woman. This woman who gave her working years to this institution, who went about her job with dedication and never asked for material rewards or public recognition. Former students of Miss Burton and faculty members who worked with Miss Burton applaud this administration and board of trustees in naming our new library for Miss Ethel Burton.

The faculty of East Central on this dedication day, dedicate ourselves to accept the challenge that the library and its materials will become a vital part of our teaching. It is our desire that students at East Central will develop a love for reading, a desire to investigate and research so they may become independent thinkers, that no strange erratic doctrine can capture their minds and they will never become a slave to any man.

Lucille Wood
11/6/1976



Highest Alumni Honor Goes TO ECJC Instructor

Lucille Wood Named Alumnus of Year, Honored At Alumni Banquet Nov. 6

By NELL ALLEN

Lucille Wood, head of the health and physical education department of East Central, has been named the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year and was honored at the Alumni banquet, November 6.

Her selection was based on her valuable contributions to the school and her outstanding work with the Alumni Association.

Miss Wood, now completing her second term as president of the EC Alumni Association, has been an active officer of the association for three years. Under her adept guidance, the association has made many contributions to EC. Included are the replacement of Mrs. Janie Sullivan's picture in Sullivan Center and the placement of Miss Ethel Burton's picture in Burton Library. The women's physical education field, contributions toward the purchase of a trophy case, the 10 alumni memorial trophies, the 1940 football team picture, and a football trophy by the 1940 team have also been given to the school by the Association since Miss Wood became president.

Miss Wood sent in entries and was instrumental in the selection of graduates by the Outstanding Young Men of America and the Outstanding Young Women of America. During her tenure as president, the selection of an Outstanding Teacher and an Outstanding Alumnus of the year was begun by the association.

In the two years of her presidency, the Alumni Association has sent out 2,000 news letters, and she has compiled an alumni file with over 1,000 current addresses of ECJC alumni.

Homecoming was especially meaningful this year to the alumni because of the collection of pictures

and papers Miss Wood placed on display. Among these were pictures of all ECJC coaches, of ECJC all-state and All-American athletes, of championship teams, a 1934 Sifter, a 1938 War-Whoop, the first edition of the Tom-Tom, the first school annual, and a sign for the women's P. E. field presented by the alumni of Winston County.

Miss Wood's degrees include an A. A. from EC, a B. S. and M. A. in health and P. E. from the University of Southern Mississippi. She also holds an AA certificate in Guidance.

In addition to her busy life on campus, Miss Wood participate actively in the M. E. A.; the Department of Classroom Teachers; Delta Kappa Gamma; National Association for Health, P. E. and Recreation; National Junior College Association; and the Southern Association for College Women P. E. Teachers. She has also held the office of president of the Faculty Club.

The Outstanding Alumnus of the Year is elected by the executive committee after nominations by the Alumni. One of the letters nominating Miss Wood reads, "We want to nominate Lucille Wood as 'Alumnus of the Year' because of

standing public relations job she has been doing in the capacity as president of the Alumni Association. We are sure that there are many former students such as ourselves who had completely lost touch with the school before she began this work. We feel that the projects sponsored and accomplished by the association this past year are largely a credit to her hard work."

Miss Wood is a native of Louisville and Winston County and the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George S. Wood.



ALUMNUS OF YEAR—Lucille Wood, president of Alumni Association for the past two years, has been chosen as Alumnus of the Year by fellow Alumni and was honored at Alumni Banquet. Miss Wood, health and PE instructor at East Central, stands behind Alumni Memorial Tropines which represent one of her many endeavors while serving as president of the association.

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Is There a Santa Claus?

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ATake pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.'

Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon,
115 West 95th Street,
New York City

Virginia, your little friends are *wrong*. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little mind. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and

as love, and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith, then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.